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FROM NUCLEAR TESTING IN MARSHALL ISLANDS

'Address downwind inequities'

The people of the Marianas should be considered "downwinders," possibly exposed to radiation from nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands and eligible for compensation, Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP) said Thursday in testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Chairman Chuck Grassley and Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein called the hearing to examine the eligibility requirements for the Ra-

diation Exposure Compensation program to ensure that all those living downwind of the tests and exposed

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Cruz is 2018 LibDay queen

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who sold over \$16,000 Liberation Day tickets.

After months of continuous fundraising, preparations, and community introductions, the 2018

Liberation Day committee finally crowned the Liberation Day queen

» **Winner raised \$16K for festivities**

Last Sunday, Brinae Jessilyn Maritita Cruz was crowned the 2018 Liberation Day queen for raising a total of 16,815 in

Liberation Day raffle
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The Liberation Day Royal Court with 2018 Liberation Day queen Brinae Jessilyn Maritita Cruz, sixth from left, pose for a photo with Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, fifth from left, and the 2018 Liberation Day committee during the coronation night ceremony last Sunday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP), second from right, poses for a group photo with former governor Juan N. Babauta, former Public School System commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan, and Saipan senatorial independent candidate Heinz Hofschneider.

Kilili endorses Babauta-Sablan team

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP) endorsed yesterday

the candidacy of Juan N. Babauta and Dr. Rita Sablan who are running as independent for governor and lieutenant governor at this coming Nov. 6 general election.

"My presence here speaks loud," said Sablan, drawing cheers from independent candidates as well as supporters of Babauta-Sablan team

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Marijuana bill sent back to Senate

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A House committee, during a continuation of its previous meeting

yesterday that was recessed, gave the go signal to discuss the cannabis bill introduced in the Senate instead of killing the bill and reintroducing it as a House bill.

The House Judicial and Governmental Operations Committee during the continuation of their June 21, 2018 meeting voted to adapt yesterday the amendments made to Sen. Sixto Igisomar's (R-Saipan) Senate

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Marianas Ocean Tourism ambassador Yorko Summer is turning eyes to the underwater wonders of Rota, leading a media FAM(iliarization) tour organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority.

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It had been nearly two months since Buena Ventura Martin Godinez has seen her 7-year-old daughter after the frightened young mother was separated from her family trying to cross from Mexico into the U.S.

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Boothe makes fifth trip to childhood 'playground'

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Gary Boothe recalls the time that he and his sister used to swim on Saipan's beaches and explore the boonies of a post-war island that is littered with remnants of one of the fiercest battles in the Pacific. Boothe and his sister came to Saipan when their parents—Lowell and Pat—were hired as teachers at the now Hopwood Middle School by the Navy Civilian Administration in 1958.

He was only 3 years old back then while his sister is two years older. They lived here for four years and in 1962 moved to Chuuk and in 1964 to Yap where they stayed for another two years before moving back to Virginia when he was already 11 years old.

"I've spent eight of my [first] 11 years in Micronesia. My first earliest memories are on Saipan but I did not really know a lot back then as a kid and some of the stuff I just learned later," Boothe told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview before returning to Virginia last week.

Boothe made his fifth trip back to the CNMI where he spent a week each on Saipan and Tinian. He said that back then, going up north in Marpi and in Kagman were restricted after the Central Intelligence Agency and the Navy had been using it for their training activities.

"The Navy ran the island before the Trust Territory days. In 1952, the CIA wanted to train here and they kept it until 1962. When we lived here, there are areas of the island that are closed off. We couldn't go up to Kagman and the north end of the island up to Marpi are all restricted areas. There's even a checkpoint at San Roque and we could not get past that," added Boothe.

He said Saipan literally became their playground where he and his sister, along with some of their friends back then, learned how to swim and explore World War II wrecks. "We used to go swimming all the time and we practically lived in the water. That area that they now call Civic Center Beach, we used to go swimming there."

"We have an area there that was called back then as Officers Beach, which I guess dates back to when the Navy was here. And like kids used to do, we love to go out and play in the boonies. There were all kinds of things to explore on the island with all that World War II wreckage all around you."

He said that they always practice caution whenever they are out exploring since bombs or other types of munitions could still be found on Saipan. "They would find bombs and mines all the time, that's another thing that I remember back then."

"You constantly hear explosions because they would blow up munitions. They would do that regularly in Marpi. Every time the Navy would do something or there's a construction going on, they would dig up [bombs and munitions] at that time," said Boothe.

Aside from loving the history of the islands—from the prehistoric, Spanish, German, and Japanese times—Boothe said the people that they made friends here is another reason



JON PEREZ

Gary Boothe, right, meets with David "Uncle Dave" M. Sablan who is one of their family's longtime friends in the CNMI.

why he keeps coming back.

"I first came back in 2004 and been visiting Saipan since then. Coming back here, you get to meet old friends like the Sablans (David "Uncle Dave" M. Sablan) and make new ones. The people here are nice and friendly. There were also the Cruz's who were a good friend of our family. He was a pastor and he had a church down at the place where Saipan Community Church and [Saipan Community] school are now located. They had a small church that

was built after the war, but I'm not sure what year it was."

"These are the kind of stuff that wanted you to come back here and see more. You relieve the memories and make new ones. A couple of my friends here are already gone, like Carmen Gaskins who passed away last February."

He said Gaskins helped him look for his parents' former students on Saipan. "The first time I got in touch with her, she started looking for other people who knew our parents.

She always comes up with stuff to do when I'm here, like going to a Chamorro wedding reception to a baby christening at the cathedral."

"I always had a great time here and get to meet a lot of people and experience a Chamorro barbecue by the beach, some things that I would never get to do. She also introduced me to students of my parents. I am really fortunate to get to know her. I was really lucky to meet her and she's truly a blessing."

'CNMI controlled by 1 party for decades not healthy for democracy'

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Former House lawmaker Christina "Tina" Sablan said yesterday that it's not healthy for any democracy having a government such as the CNMI controlled by one political party for decades.

"The sheer number of independent candidates and their supporters represents a direct challenge to the status quo," said Sablan

who is running as an independent for a Precinct 2 seat in the House of Representatives.

Precinct 2 covers Susupe, Chalan Kanoa, As Lito, Fina-sisu, As Perdido, and Laly 4 on Saipan.

Sablan used to serve as a representative for Precinct 1 in the 16th Legislature.

Sablan shared her views about independent candidates in response to *Saipan Tribune's* request for comments

about a new phenomenon in CNMI political history in which a staggering number of candidates—39 so far—are running as independents in this Nov. 6 general election.

She said there is a very real sense that the current leadership has been giving away the islands to special interests and passing laws that undermine the well-being of the whole community.

Sablan cited a few examples like the recent bill to bring poker machines back into the villages and the massive salary increases for elected and appointed officials.

"People are hungry for change," she said.

Sablan said there are independents and Democrats who are stepping up to offer new options and ideas, and who are forming coalitions to work together and support each other in the Nov. 6 race.

She said they included both new and seasoned candidates, and that they represent a "hopeful and growing movement."

"It's exciting. I'm proud to be part of it," Sablan said.

Sablan said many independent candidates, including herself, are supporting Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP) for his re-election for U.S. delegate and Juan N. Babauta and Dr. Rita Sablan for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively.

Sablan said she cannot and do not speak for all independent candidates as they are all independents after all.

She noted that both delegate Sablan and the Babauta-Sablan team have been very supportive of many independent candidates.

Sablan is currently the deputy communications director and outreach coordinator for delegate Sablan. She previously worked as a reporter and anchor for KSPN 2.

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Senator: Loss of Rota air service should be declared emergency

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A senator believes that an emergency should have been declared back when a long-running air service provider pulled out of Rota, crippling its residents and trapping them on the island.

Sen. Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) in last Thursday's Senate session believes that when Cape Air Express was forced to pull out from Rota after United Airlines severed ties

with them in Micronesia, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres should have declared a state of emergency for the island.

"The present air service situation [on Rota] since the pull out of Cape Air should [have been considered] an emergency situation," he told Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) as they discussed a communication from the governor's office announcing the nomination of Barry Toves to serve at the Commonwealth Ports Authority board of di-

rectors representing Rota for a third term. Toves is also the chairman for CPA board airport facilities committee.

Manglona also urged the Legislative Affairs Office of the governor to expedite the procurement of requirements for Toves' nomination since in a recent meeting between the Rota Legislative Delegation and CPA, the latter is currently crippled since they fail to establish a quorum due to the lack of board members. Sen. Steve Mesngon (R-Rota)

chairs the Rota delegation.

He added that after discussing with the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Governmental Investigations chair Sen. Francisco Cruz (R-Tinian), Toves still lacks several requirements for his reappointment, such as the drug test and other documents.

Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) said the nomination of Toves would be his third term in the CPA board if confirmed.

'CPA continues to wait'
Manglona noted that during

the meeting between the Rota delegation and CPA, the latter said they were still awaiting a response from United's Chicago headquarters to set up a meeting with Torres, Guam Gov. Eddie B. Calvo, and the respective ports authorities for the CNMI and Guam to discuss air services.

"We need to create a task force immediately to address [the lack of air services]. If we don't do that, I don't see a light at the end of the tunnel any time soon," reiterating his earlier statement of the need to declare the lack of air ser-

vices as an emergency.

Manglona requested to Palacios to create a "joint task-force with the House" to sit down with CPA and "move forward."

An internal communication from United Airlines informed their employees that Cape Air would be pulled out of servicing the CNMI through their Saipan-Guam, Rota-Guam, and Rota-Saipan routes effective on May 31, 2018.

Since then, no airline has been providing daily reliable flights to and from Rota.

Tropical disturbance expected to bring showers across Marianas

A tropical disturbance located south-southeast of Saipan is expected to bring showers, thunderstorms, and gusty winds to build across the Marianas tomorrow, Wednesday, and continue through Thursday.

National Weather Service Guam meteorologist Marcus Landon Aydlett said at this time they expect the strongest winds to be around 15 to 25 miles per hour with gusts up to 35mph in heavier showers.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres advised CNMI residents to stay informed on the latest statements and advisories which will be available through local media sources about the tropical disturbance.

As of 1pm yesterday, NWS said the center of the tropical disturbance was 300 miles southeast of Guam, 315 miles southeast of Rota, and 355 miles south-southeast of Saipan and Tinian.

NWS said the disturbance remains nearly stationary.

NWS said there remains considerable uncertainty on track and timing of passage of this disturbance. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Aydlett said rainfall amounts between 3 and 5 inches.

"Worst conditions will likely be [in] Guam and Rota, with slightly less wind and rain on Tinian and Saipan," the meteorologist said in a weather alert.

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2018-2019 Application For Free School Meals is now available at the Public School System CNP Office and PSS Website

PUBLIC RELEASE STATEMENT REGARDING THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Public School System Child Nutrition Program today announced its policy for children *unable* to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Regardless of financial standing and participation in programs such as WIC or NAP, **a new free school meal application must be completed and submitted each school year to receive free school meal benefits.**

Meal prices for the 2018-2019 school year will remain the same as the previous year. Students who do not qualify for fee school meals may buy a subsidized school breakfast for \$0.50. Additional breakfasts can be purchased for \$2.70 at elementary schools and \$3.00 at secondary schools. Students who do not qualify for free school meals may purchase a subsidized school lunch for \$0.75. Additional lunches can be purchased for \$4.00 at elementary schools and \$4.50 at secondary schools.

Application forms are now available at the PSS Child Nutrition Program Office located on Capital Hill, Saipan. Applications are also available at Tinian Elementary School and Rota Junior High School. To apply for free meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school or to the PSS Child Nutrition Program office. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year. The application can be downloaded from the PSS website at www.cnmpss.org/child-nutrition-program/

To obtain free meals for children for whose households receive Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, an adult member needs only to list the names of the school children, give a valid food stamp case number for each child, sign his/her name, list his/her social security number, and return the application to the school office.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free meals of households not receiving Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, the household must also provide the following information requested on the application: names of all household members, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. In lieu of a social security number, the household may indicate that the signer does not possess a social security number. Also, the income received by each household member must be provided by amount and source (wages, SSI, child support, etc.). For verification purposes, copies of the **two most recent check stubs** for each working adult staying in the household must be included with the application. Failure to include these items will delay the processing of the application.

Under the provisions of the free meal policy, the PSS Child Nutrition Program Manager will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent/guardian wishes to make a formal appeal, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to: Mr. Dale Roberts, PSS Child Nutrition Program Manager located in government house 1251 located on Capital Hill, Saipan.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the family should contact the CNP Office. Such changes may make the household eligible for free meals if the household income falls at or below the IEG levels listed in the chart, and they may reapply at that time.

In most cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a household has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for free school meals, the household should complete an application for a family of one or contact the CNP office for more information.

The information provided by the household on the application is confidential. PSS is authorized to release student free and school meal eligibility status only to persons directly connected with the administration and enforcement of federal or state educational programs.

2017-2018

Application for Free School Meals— CNMI Public School System— Food and Nutrition Services

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Part 1- List each Student's name and information. List names how they are registered at their schools. Write the Food Stamp Card Number if applicable

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Notes Initial	Date of Birth Month / Day / Year	Grade (K-12)	School Name	Food Stamp # (if applicable)	SSI on Income (if App)
1.			/ /				\$
2.			/ /				\$
3.			/ /				\$
4.			/ /				\$
5.			/ /				\$

List the names and info of each child attending school or day care.

Part 2- List all other members of the household. Do not include students listed above in part 1. Report all current income received last month. Attach copies of last month's check stubs for income verification.

Names of All Household Members (do not include students listed in Part 1)		Check here if person has NO INCOME	Household Gross Income				
Last Name	First Name		For each household member, list each kind of income and how often it is received: weekly, bi-weekly (or twice per month, monthly, if the person receives no income, place a check in the box next to the person's wages and salaries from all jobs—before deductions—				
1.			\$	per	\$	per	\$
2.			\$	per	\$	per	\$
3.			\$	per	\$	per	\$
4.			\$	per	\$	per	\$
5.			\$	per	\$	per	\$

List the names of all other members of the household and all income.

Part 3- Signature and Social Security Number: An adult listed in Part 2 must sign the application and provide a social security number before it can be approved. I certify (promise) that all of the above information is true and correct and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of Federal funds; that PSS officials may verify (check) the information on the application; and that deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject me to prosecution under applicable Commonwealth or Federal laws and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian	Sign Here	Date Signed	Date
Print your name	First Last	Mailing Address: PO Box City / State / Zip	Main
Last four digits of Social Security Number	X X X - X X X -	Check this box if you do not have a SSN	Working Time
EMAIL ADDRESS		Daytime Telephone:	

One of the legal guardians listed in part 2 must sign and date the form.

For PSS Food and Nutrition official use, please do not write below this line

Categorical Eligibility: NAP	Income	Temporary until	/ /	DYS	Oth
Total Monthly Income:		Household Size			
Monthly Income Conversion: Weekly x 4.33		Bi-weekly x 2.15		Twice a month x 2	Verified by:
Signature of Determining Official: FNS Administrator,				date:	

2018-2019 Federal Income Guidelines (IEG) for Free Meal Eligibility. If your household income falls within these guidelines your children MAY be eligible to receive free school meals.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	2x per Month	Bi-weekly	Weekly
1	\$ 15,782	\$ 1,316	\$ 658	\$ 607	\$ 304
2	21,398	1,784	892	823	412
3	27,014	2,252	1,126	1,039	520
4	32,630	2,720	1,360	1,255	638
5	38,246	3,188	1,594	1,471	736
6	43,862	3,656	1,828	1,687	844
7	49,478	4,124	2,062	1,903	952
8	55,094	4,592	2,296	2,119	1,060
Add'l member, Add.....	+ 5,616	+ 468	+ 234	+ 216	+ 108

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official. The PSS CNP office can be reached on Saipan: 664-3901 / 3902 or fax 664-3717, Tinian: 237-4106/4105, Rota: 237-4046/4041/4042

Casino commission is complete

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The Commonwealth Casino Commission is now complete after the Rota Legislative Delegation unanimously confirmed the appointment of a Rota representative yesterday during a session on Capitol Hill.

The Rota delegation in yesterday's session confirmed Diego Songao unanimously to represent Rota at the casino commission.

Rota Mayor Afraim A. Atalig, in a previous commu-

nication, nominated Songao as the Rota representative to the board, led by casino commission chair Juan Sablan.

Both Sablan and commission executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero were in support of Songao's nomination, however, Deleon Guerrero reiterated that former Rota representative Justin Manglona, whose term expired on April 30, 2018, was able to undergo several training and workshops as one of the first members of the commission.

Deleon Guerrero suggested that it is best to utilize

Manglona at the Rota Gaming Commission, given all of the training he has undergone during his tenure at the casino commission.

"...Even though [Songao] has extensive experience in business, government, and even in gaming, we will schedule additional training for him to understand new updates on a changing and evolving industry," he said, adding that all of the commissioners would similarly be provided the same training.

Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) said, in a statement sup-

porting one of the first commissioners of the Rota casino gaming commission, that his "wide experiences" on both the governmental and private sectors would prove beneficial to the casino commission.

"He was instrumental in the crafting of the Rota casino rules and regulations. His credentials and educational background including serving on various boards speaks volumes of his qualifications and ability to serve our CNMI well on the Saipan casino commission," she said.

Santos added that Man-

glona, who Songao replaced, would be receiving a delegation resolution in recognition of his services.

With the delegation confirming Songao, the casino commission now consists of

chair Sablan, vice chair Joseph Reyes, and commissioner Alvaro Santos for Saipan while former Tinian mayor Ramon Dela Cruz and Songao represents Tinian and Rota, respectively.

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to radiation receive coverage.

"Perhaps, because the Marianas was not represented in Congress in 2005, we were not included in a congressionally-mandated study of how fallout from nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands may have harmed people on downwind islands," Sablan says. "I think that inequity needs to be addressed.

"Guam was included in the study. And the National Research Council Committee concluded that 'Guam did receive measurable fallout from atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons in the Pacific.'

"The study also advised that 'residents of Guam during that period should be eligible for compensation under [the Ra-

diation Exposure Compensation Act],'" Sablan added.

In his testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee, the Marianas delegate made the case for considering people in the Marianas as equally affected as Guam. The southernmost island of Rota is only a short distance from Guam. And Saipan in the Marianas is actually closer to Bikini Atoll than Guam. Bikini is one of the Marshall Islands, where the United States conducted aboveground nuclear testing from 1946 through 1962.

The congressionally-mandated 2005 report of the National Research Council of the National Academies "Assessment of the Scientific Information for the Radiation Exposure Screening and Education Program" is available at <http://sablan.house.gov>. (PR)



ERWIN ENCINARES

Commonwealth Casino Commission board member Diego Songao, far left, converses with Sen. Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), far right, as casino commission's Charlie Atalig approaches Rota Legislative Delegation chair Sen. Steve Mesngon (R-Rota) in the background.

MARIJUANA

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Bill 20-62.

Discussions of reintroducing another cannabis bill to incorporate the revenue-generating sections previously introduced in the original version of S.B. 20-62, which was removed during a previous JGO meeting, came up when sections of the bill sought to tax possible vendors of cannabis were deemed as revenue-generating provisions.

During the June 21, 2018 meeting of the committee, legal counsel John Cool was tasked to provide a written

statement on his position of fines in S.B. 20-62 not generating revenue.

JGO, led by Rep. Ivan A. Blanco (R-Saipan), also tasked Cool to look into other jurisdictions and their cannabis bills for further review.

Yesterday, Cool reaffirmed his position saying that fines are not considered revenue, despite Rep. Blas "B.J." Jonathan Attao (Ind-Saipan) believing otherwise.

Rep. Francisco Aguon (R-Saipan) then moved for the committee to adapt the several amendments made to S.B. 20-62, which include changing the period allotted for Gov. Ralph DLG Torres to ap-

point commissioners from 90 days to 30 days; lift the ban on appointing commissioners and executive directors who have had criminal or police records—except for traffic violations—within the last 15 years to serve; add a provision that only allows cannabis licensees to have long-term interests on the licensed premises; and lift provisions that override public and private agency policies against the termination and hiring of individuals who have failed a drug test, among many others.

The committee noted that several of the amendments came from the Public School System, the Commonwealth

Healthcare Corp., the Governor's Office, and other public and private input.

"A lot of hard work went into this," said Blanco in an interview. "We have tasked the House legal counsel [Cool] to look carefully look into the penalty clause—if it's revenue-generating or not. We gave him time to look into other cases in the U.S. He did, and both legal counsels came out [agreeing] that it is not a revenue-generating clause."

Attao and minority leader Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) both voted against the adoption of the bill.

S.B. 20-62 heads back to the Senate for action.

CRUZ

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ticket sales.

Following Cruz in the largest amount of tickets sold was Taylor Jean Chong Sablan who was crowned the Royal Court princess. Following Sablan was first princess Connie Blass Mendiola, second princess Lovely Joey Loyola, and third princess Milagro Omar Palacios.

According to Cruz, being crowned queen was really emotional for her. "I just want to thank my mom so much, my family because they helped me so much with all the events," she said.

Cruz sold over 16,000 Liberation Day raffle tickets by really going out into the community and tasking her family to do the same.

"I sold 16,815 and had a lot of events that happened...I did a lot of hot lunches, a bunch of coin drives, we had a sunset cruise, and I also distributed to my family who sold to their friends," she said.

When asked what her biggest takeaway was from her journey to coronation, Cruz said it had to be learning to be fearless and learning to become a role model to her peers.

"I learned that you shouldn't be afraid...and to go for everything that life offers...it means to set a good example and help everyone out," she said.

When asked what her inspiration to join the royal court was, Cruz said it was her passion to experience something new and to inspire other girls like her.

"I basically decided to join

not only because my mom and my family encouraged me to but I also wanted to experience something new and I wanted to expose myself to let other girls know not to be afraid to be who they truly are," she said.

Monique Boyer Sablan, 2018 Liberation Day Royal Court committee chair, said that the beauty of the royal court is that every girl is crowned whether she came up first or last in ticket sales.

"The one thing I loved about the Liberation Day [Royal Court] is that everyone is crowned. We have the princesses, we have the royal princess, and we have the queen," she said.

Sablan said that although the Royal Court was smaller this year compared to the last, she is still extremely proud of each girl for the amount of work they put into selling Liberation Day raffle tickets.

"I only had five girls this year but these five girls really did an amazing job and I am just very grateful...I'm so proud of every one of them and they did amazing," she said.

When asked what it was like working with the 2018 Royal Court girls, Sablan said they reminded her of herself when she was younger and her passion to help the community.

"I loved it [watching these girls empower themselves], they really reminded me of myself when I was younger and I cannot wait to see what these young girls will be able to do for the community. They did so much at this young age so who knows what else they will be able to do when they get older," she said.

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at Babauta's house in Gualo Rai last night.

Sablan said one of the things that he did before he even went to Washington, D. C. after being elected to the office, was meeting with Dr. Sablan and her leadership team at the Public School System.

"I told her I want to make education my top priority in Congress. Guide me. Tell me what I need to do," he said.

Delegate Sablan said Dr. Sablan opened her door and her leadership team.

He said he and his staff that he called colleagues, worked with Dr. Sablan and her leadership team over the past nine years.

He said he and Dr. Sablan did a lot of things primarily for

education of children.

Babauta expressed his appreciation of delegate Sablan's endorsement and coming and for speaking to their group.

"This is really a plus for our independent candidates, for governor and lieutenant governor," Babauta said.

Babauta said he and Dr. Sablan are supporting delegate Sablan's reelection bid.

The former governor said he recognized delegate Sa-

blan's accomplishments in his job in Washington, D.C. and because of his tenure and experience.

Babauta said he and Dr. Sablan and the independent group will rally behind delegate Sablan's reelection.

Independent Saipan senatorial candidate Heinz Hofschneider and Sen. Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) were among those who attended the gathering.

US govt seeks court order to dissolve stay of Guanlao's removal

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The U.S. government is asking the federal court to dissolve its 2016 order staying an immigration judge's ruling for the removal from the U.S. of Amalia Abo Guanlao, a Filipino mother of two minor U.S. children, including one who has a medical condition.

With the U.S. government's motion to dissolve, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood on Friday set an expedited hearing schedule.

Tydingco-Gatewood ordered Guanlao to file a response by July 9. The judge said any reply to Guanlao's response must be filed by July 13.

Department of Justice Office of immigration litigation trial attorney Adrienne Zack, counsel for respondents U.S. Department of Homeland Security officials, said while their motion is not listed as a non-hearing motion per se, it is essentially requesting clarification of the court's intent in dismissing the case.

Zack said if the court determines that a hearing is not necessary, the respondents do not request one.

Tydingco-Gatewood dismissed last June 19 Guanlao's petition for a writ of habeas corpus, through which she seeks to appeal the immigration judge's removal order.

On June 23, 2016, over respondents' objection, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona issued a stay of Guanlao's removal from the U.S.

Zack moved the court to formally lift the stay of removal because this case has been resolved.

According to court records, on Sept. 10, 2013, an immigration judge found that Guanlao was removable as an alien present without a valid immigrant visa or entry document and ordered her removed to the Philippines.

Guanlao appealed the judge's decision pro se to the Board of Immigration Appeals.

On May 14, 2015, the BIA upheld the judge's decision finding Guanlao was removable, stating that she raised no "factual or legal errors in the judge's decision."

On March 2, 2016, the BIA denied a motion to reopen because it was untimely and because Guanlao did not show that reopening would affect the outcome of the prior proceedings. On May 8, 2016, Enforcement and Removal Operations for Immigration and Customs Enforcement

placed Guanlao under an order of supervision.

Guanlao complied with weekly reporting requirements of the order of supervision. However, on June 15, 2016, ERO ordered Guanlao to report to the airport on June 22, 2016, so that she could be removed.

On June 21, 2016, Guanlao filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, seeking determination of "the legality of her continued detention and intended removal" and "a stay of her removal during the pendency of this case."

Zack said Guanlao failed to comply with the order and did not report to the airport.

Therefore, Zack said, she has an outstanding warrant for removal. Nevertheless, ICE has never held her in physical custody.

The District Court ordered Guanlao to show cause, and, after subsequent briefing, found that jurisdiction may exist to hear a portion of her claim.

On June 23, 2016, Manglona entered a stay of removal "while the court hears the petition on the merits," which has not been otherwise lifted.

On Dec. 20, 2017, respondents moved to dismiss the second amended petition and also requested that the court granted respondents' motion to dismiss.

Tydingco-Gatewood dismissed petitioner's claims with prejudice. However, she did not explicitly address the stay of removal.

In light of the court's dismissal of the claims, Zack said, respondents request an order explicitly dissolving the stay of removal entered in 2016.

Zack said when a court dismisses a case in full, the underlying stay of removal issued to allow an alien to remain in the U.S. should be vacated because the purpose of the stay is no longer served.

Zack said when the 9th Circuit dismisses a petition for review, it typically terminates the temporary or full stay of removal if one was in place.

Here, Zack said, the court issued the stay so that the court could hear Guanlao's claims on the merits.

Having done so, Zack said, the court should now vacate the stay of removal.

Guanlao, who herself has medical condition, has been residing on Saipan for over 24 years now.

In her order that granted U.S. Homeland Security officials' motion to dismiss, Tydingco-Gatewood said since Guanlao failed to exhaust administrative remedies of her claims, she would generally be required to return to the Board of Immigration Appeals to pursue them.

However, Tydingco-Gatewood said, the 30-day window for filing a motion to reopen the case has

lapsed, and the District Court lacks jurisdiction to order the window reopened.

Thus, the judge said, Guanlao cannot prevail on her due process claim in the District Court, before the BIA, or before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

"While this outcome may seem harsh, especially given the alleged deficiencies of multiple attorneys involved in this case, the court is not empowered to do more than authorized by the constitution and by statute," said Tydingco-Gatewood, adding

that she cannot grant Guanlao the relief that she seeks.

She directed the clerk of court to close Guanlao's case.

Aside from naming then-U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson as respondent, Guanlao also sued several U.S. immigration officials.

Rosemond Santos appeared as counsel for Guanlao. Before having Santos as her lawyer, for many months she had sought for a lawyer after her previous counsel was disbarred.

In her declaration filed in

court, Guanlao disclosed that since 2013 she has been suffering with pain in her left breast and back.

She underwent operation in the Philippines in 2008, but since then had never any follow-up check-up.

Guanlao said her husband has been working in Saipan since 1989.

Guanlao said their two minor children were born on Saipan.

"They are the reason why I want to live longer and to be with them for the rest of my life," she said.



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Customs ramps up fight vs illegal goods

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The CNMI Division of Customs is ramping up its cam-

paign against the entry of illegal and undervalued goods to make sure all import duty and other taxes are properly collected for revenue of the

local government.

Customs director Jose Mafnas said that they recently intercepted an undeclared 300 cases of liquor from a 40-foot

container that they inspected. The CNMI could have lost an estimated \$14,000 in revenues if it entered the local market.

"This is a good interception for us since we [CNMI government] did not lose \$14,000 in tax revenues," said Mafnas, who chose not to divulge the identity of the consignee who was named the recipient of the goods.

He added that Customs officers had also intercepted the entry of counterfeit shirts. "And we're still finding a lot of under evaluation of goods, these are products that are coming in the CNMI that are undervalued. These are some of the stuff that are coming in, but we're catching it before it entered the CNMI."

Mafnas said the amount could have cost thousands of dollars in revenues for the CNMI if it were undetected. "Especially in counterfeit goods, we don't want the CNMI's reputation to suffer for our tourism industry. [For tourists] to buy and have that product at the genuine price only to find out that it was counterfeit. That's the very reason why we're vigilant in making sure those products don't end up out there."

"Under evaluation of goods, [like a] two-door stainless fridge with ice-making capabilities valued at less than \$200, that's insulting. Busi-



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The cases of liquor that were intercepted by CNMI Division of Customs officers last May.

nesses out there that are compliant are another reason why we're vigilant in intercepting these undervalued and undeclared goods. It is unfair for those who are compliant."

He added that he is confident on the work done by his officers and staff. "We're always on our toes and we're working 24/7. Customs is a 24-hour job. I rarely get sleepless nights because I put my confidence in my staff. If anything happens, I would receive a call and information on what had transpired."

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres lauded the efforts of Mafnas and his officers in making sure all taxed on goods entering the CNMI are collected. "Even

for this 40-foot container with 300 cases of liquor, that's \$14,000. That's just \$14,000 but the message we are giving out there is that you should not be doing this kind of activities. I understand it's a mistake if one case or two, but 300 is different. So, I hope there were penalties involved or citation for not putting in the proper documentation."

"Thank you to your staff director. You are the ones who are behind the scenes at the frontline before the items come in. You just busted meth [ice], other drugs or goods entering. The people usually don't know that you guys are the ones who intercepts and checks items that are coming in."



JON PEREZ

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, center, and Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, left, listen as CNMI Customs Division director Jose Mafnas speaks during last week's press conference at the conference room inside the Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building in Capital Hill.



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This is to inform the general public that the CNMI Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program 2019 State Plan is now available for public review and comments from July 02-09, 2018. Interested members of the general public may review the CNMI WIC Program 2019 State Plan at the WIC Program's Administrative Office located in Upper Navy Hill, Mayoria Ave. Building N25. Office hours are from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm (Monday-Friday). All public comments must be submitted in writing to the WIC Program Administrator at the same office no later than close of business on July 9, 2018.

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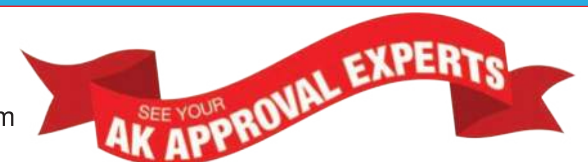
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'I want to continue telling stories in any way I can'

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These were the words of young filmmaker and Saipan-grown Kristle Backe, who is currently making a name for

herself in the film industry both in the U.S. and abroad, starting with short and experimental films that end up as masterpieces.

Her recent film *Sincere-ly*; *Kaye* won the Audience

Award and Best Experimental at University of Hawaii at Manoa's Academy for Creative Media Showcase. The same film was also selected as one of Hawaii's local featured shorts to screen at Hawaii's Film Collective Show Your Shorts screening.

"I think most experimental films can have just as strong of a storyline as a narrative itself. Whether experimental, narratives, or even documentaries—I just want to put or project a picture on the silver screen that is open to interpretation," she said.

"My other film called *METROTICKETS* had also been selected to screen at the Shanghai International Film Festival 2018 early this month as part of the Sino-U.S. student

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Young filmmaker Kristle Backe is making a name for herself in the U.S. and abroad.



program which highlights The Academy for Creative Media and Shanghai Film Academy and gives students making short films an opportunity,"

Backe added.

Most of the long line of great filmmakers started when they were young and some made accomplished films

when they were aged 25 and under. At only 22 years old, Backe is going on the same route.

"I went to Saipan International School in high school and in college I took classes like directing the actor, directing the camera, cinematography, independent producing, documentary production, post-sound editing, and screenwriting classes

Backe went to the University of Hawaii in Manoa and graduated in May 2018. During a semester abroad in Paris, France, she took business and marketing courses at the Institut d'Economie Scientifique Et de Gestion-School of Management.

"I had no idea I was going to become a Creative Media major. In fact, I was going into Psychology and I took an Introduction to Film course as an elective and that class taught me film terms, showed movies, and forced me to analyze them through a different lens. I found myself enrolling for more film classes because I was curious enough to learn more and later realized there has got to be a reason for it, so I just kept going," she added.

Backe said that family is her No. 1 inspiration in putting stories together with heart as she used to film family home videos, edit them, and show it to them.

"My family would watch it with tears—these films were a reminder and a true reflection of how happy they made us kids feel and it was all because of them... My mother radiates with grace and she proves to me everyday that we can be all the things we want to be... My father is soft-hearted and he never fails to show how much he believes in me, even when

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PUTENG DRIVE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Puteng Drive Road Improvement Project**, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **June 26, 2018** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

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There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **July 13, 2018**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **July 26, 2018** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

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The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW18-IFB-016"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, July 26, 2018**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, July 26, 2018**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@cnmidof.net. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 26, 2018** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **August 6, 2018**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, August 8, 2018**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, on July 26, 2018**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
 b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
 2) US Gov't Securities
 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is Ninety (90) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of One Hundred (US\$100.00) for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

JAMES A. ADA
 Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
 Director of Procurement & Supply

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
RFP18-CHCC/RADIOLOGY-008

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JULY 25, 2018
TIME: 11:00 AM

"COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY (CT) SYSTEM COMPLETE
WITH AUTOMATED DUAL CONTRACT INJECTOR –
COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION"

COPIES OF THE RFP PACKET MAY BE PICKED -UP AT CHCC PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY DIVISION-MEDICAL SUPPLY STORAGE FACILITY LOWER BASE SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE CHCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSAL AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTIONS IN ANY PROPOSAL, IF TO DO SO SHALL BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE CHCC. ALL PROPOSALS SHALL BECOME THE EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OF THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION.

/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

/S/ PRISCILLA M. IAKOPO
CHCC DIRECTOR OF P&S

REGULAR BOARD MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority hereby gives notice that a **Regular Board of Directors Meeting** will be held on **Friday, July 6, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.** in the MVA Conference Room, San Jose Professional Building Saipan, MP 96950.

MEETING AGENDA

- 1) **Preliminary Matters**
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Adoption of Minutes
 - a. Regular Board Meeting – May 1, 2018
 - b. Special Board Meeting – June 8, 2018
- 2) **Public Comments**
- 3) **Committee Reports**
 1. Finance –
 - a. Fund Status Report - June 2018
- 4) **New Business**
 1. Flame Tree TV and Production Co. Contract Renewal
 2. LJ's Lawn Care Contract Renewal
 3. RFP for Auditing Services
- 5) **Miscellaneous/Announcements**
- 6) **Executive Session**
- 7) **Adjournment**

/s/ Gloria Cavanagh
 Chairperson, MVA Board of Directors

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I can’t see it. My grandmother reminds me we are never alone and my dear siblings, they love so freely—we don’t need to fear it,” she said.

Backe’s next project is taking in charge of cinematography in a film entitled *A Stone in Candy Paper*.

“I am blessed to be given the opportunity to take part in the collaboration of a film called *A Stone In Candy Paper* as a cinematographer with such talented filmmakers who taught me their style of storytelling, their work ethic and approach on a film set, and their culture,” she said.

“I’ve met unforgettable friends who never failed to make me smile on set and even though there was a language barrier, we all had one goal in common and that was to tell a story... I learned that how lucky I am to have a dream and pursue it. I will always remember the feeling I

felt on that film set and I strive to continue to surround myself with that kind of energy and passion,” she added.

As Backe continues her journey, hone her craft, and nurture her talent, Saipan is always in her mind.

“It would be my greatest pleasure to share my film to my family and friends in Saipan. There are different approaches to the exposure of this film and I choose to go for the film festival run... Whether it’s now or later, I would definitely love to screen my film back home,” she said.


“The most meaningful awards are the people who come to me after the films to talk about it. Awards like these bring people together and more often than not, it leads to future work and collaboration on the next projects and in the future, I hope to start a film festival to encourage young filmmakers to do the same,”

Writer’s Workshop comes to Tinian on July 13

The Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, the Tinian Public Library, Tinian Mayor’s Office, and author Walt F.J. Goodridge will present the author’s popular Writer’s Workshop on Friday, July 13, 2018 from 1pm to 4pm, free of charge at the library on the island of Tinian.

This event requires at least 15 pre-registered participants in order to take place. Sign up by visiting the library on Tinian, or by calling Julie Sablan during Tinian library hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm) at 670 433-0504. (Rota residents may express their interest for a Rota workshop at this same number)

To register, visit the front desk of the Tinian Library or call Julie Sablan during Tinian Library hours (Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm) at 433-0504. For more information or to learn more about Goodridge, and to see some success stories from past workshops on Saipan, visit www.saipanwriters.com. (PR)



PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP NO.: RFP18-COTA/FTA-114

SUBMISSION DATE: JULY 26, 2018 TIME: 09:30 A.M.

“OFFICE SPACE RENTAL FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OFFICE OF TRANSIT AUTHORITY”

THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER **JUNE 26, 2018** AT COTA, OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, 2ND FLOOR SUITE 216 MARIANAS BUSINESS PLAZA, NARU LOOP, SUSUPE, SAIPAN.

ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP **MUST** BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL TO MR. JADE MANGUBAT AT cota16assistant@gmail.com **NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, 4:30, LOCAL TIME, JULY 13, 2018.**


THIS IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT, BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH FTA FEDERAL CONTRACT CLAUSES AS APPLICABLE.

THE LESSOR MUST COMPLY WITH CNMI PUBLIC LAW 15-23, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 8652 (A-D), THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ ALFREDA P. CAMACHO
S/A FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION


/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S





Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works

2nd Floor Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, MP 96950



PUBLIC NOTICE

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog through the Department of Public Works (DPW) would like to notify the general public that DPW, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, has amended its 4-Year Federal-Aid Highway Program Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

A copy of the plan can be obtained at DPW Technical Services Division Highway Branch for review and comments. Written comments must be submitted directly to DPW TSD Highway Branch, 2nd. Floor Joeten Commercial Bldg., Beach Road (above First Hawaiian Branch) or via email to: ims.dpwtsd@gmail.com no later than July 11, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

Any questions, please contact Mr. Kenn Aldan, Federal Program Coordinator at 234-9828 or 234-9838.

The following are listed in the TIPP:

I. CNMI DEPARTMENT OF Public Works Technical Services Division HIGHWAY BRANCH 4-YEAR Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan:
PROJECTS FUNDED BY: U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

DISTRICT	VILLAGE	ROUTE NO.	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF WORK	FY2017 FEDERAL	FY2018 FEDERAL	FY2019 FEDERAL	FY2020 FEDERAL
ALL	ALL	FY	Highway Planning, Technology Transfer & Training Activities Program	Admin	\$882,000.00	\$882,000.00	\$882,000.00	\$882,000.00
ALL	ALL	OJTSS	On The Job Training Support Service	Admin	\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00
ALL	ALL	NSTI	National Summer Transportation Institute	Admin	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
ALL	ALL		2019 CNMI Highway Master Plan	Planning		\$200,000.00		
I	Songsong	10	Route 10 Hazard Elimination	Construction	\$3,313,578.00			
I	Songsong	10	Route 10 Drainage upgrade from Pinatang Park to CUC Power Plant - Phase II	PE - Design				
				Construction			\$500,000.00	
I	Sinapalu	11	Route 11 - Sabana Road Improvement, Phase II	Construction			\$750,000.00	\$250,000.00
I	Dugi	103	Route 103 - Roadway Improvements	PE - Design	\$400,000.00			
II	San Jose	24	Route 24 Resurfacing West	PE - Design		\$50,000.00		
				Construction			\$1,000,000.00	
II	San Jose	25	Route 25 Resurfacing South	PE - Design			\$100,000.00	
				Construction				\$400,000.00
II	Tachungnya	27	Route 27- Road Repair (behind Dynasty)	PE - Design		\$50,000.00		
II	Tachungnya	206	Route 206 - Road Improvement	PE - Design		\$50,000.00		
				Construction				\$400,000.00
III	Chalan Laulau - Garapan	30	Route 30 - Chalan Pale Arnold Hazard Elimination	PE				
				ROW				
				Construction				\$1,000,000.00
				CM				
III	Kopa DeOro-Sugarking	30	4-Way Traffic Signal System	Construction			\$750,000.00	
				CM-DPW			\$50,000.00	
III	Quarter Master	315	3-Way Traffic Signal System	Construction			\$650,000.00	
				CM-DPW			\$50,000.00	
III	Oleai-Cristo Rai	33	Beach Road Hazard Elimination Project, Phase 3 (JP Center to Oleai)	PE Design		\$50,000.00		
				Construction				\$1,500,000.00
				CM				\$290,000.00
III	Cristo Rai - Micro Beach	33	Beach Road Hazard Elimination Project, Phase 4 (Bank of Guam to Horiguchi Bldg.)	PE Design		\$50,000.00		
				Construction			\$3,000,000.00	
				CM			\$450,000.00	
III	Kagman	34	Route 34 - Kagman Road	Construction		\$800,000.00		
III	Dandan	35	Route 35 - Airport Road Improvement	PE Design		\$50,000.00	\$180,000.00	
				Row			\$50,000.00	
III	Talafofo	36	Route 36 - Winward/Chalan Kalabera Dev	Construction	\$10,171,086.00			
			Route 36 - Winward/Chalan Kalabera Dev (SAFETEA-LU) (funds from fiscal allocation)	Construction	\$3,328,914.00	\$4,250,000.00		
					\$5,415,052.00			
III	Naftan	302	Route 302 Naftan Road	PE Design			\$20,000.00	
III	Capitol Hill	310	Route 310 Tapochao Road and Drainage Improvements	PE Design		\$300,000.00		
				Construction			\$1,717,000.00	
				ROW				
				CM				
III	Savana	316	Route 316 - Savana Road	PE Design			\$300,000.00	
III	Gualo Rai	317	Route 317 - Gualo Rai Road and Drainage Improvements	PE Design		\$100,000.00		
				Construction			\$500,000.00	

TOTAL OBLIGATION	\$13,382,044.00	\$6,874,500.00	\$10,991,500.00	\$4,764,500.00
Estimated Carry Over Prior Fiscal Year TOTAL:	\$12,796,816.00	\$3,443,072.00	\$5,210,872.00	\$747,672.00
FMIS Unobligated Funds (Closed-Out Projects/De-obligated for possible VI loans)		\$4,614,000.00	\$2,500,000.00	
OJTSS/NSTI	\$42,500.00	\$42,500.00	\$42,500.00	\$42,500.00
Annual Allocation:	\$3,985,800.00	\$3,985,800.00	\$3,985,800.00	\$3,985,800.00
TOTAL ALLOCATION (not including Other Funds)	\$16,825,116.00	\$12,085,372.00	\$11,739,172.00	\$4,775,972.00
TOTAL OBLIGATION (not including other funds)	\$13,382,044.00	\$6,874,500.00	\$10,991,500.00	\$4,764,500.00
FISCAL ALLOCATION TO HQ (Not including Other Funds)	\$3,443,072.00	\$5,210,872.00	\$747,672.00	\$11,472.00
TOTAL ALLOCATION - other (ER, Special Funds, etc.)	\$10,171,086.00			

II. Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA) Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
PROJECTS FUNDED BY: U.S. Department of Transportation

DISTRICT	VILLAGE	ROUTE NO.	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF WORK	FY2017 FEDERAL	FY2018 FEDERAL	FY2019 FEDERAL
	Saipan	All	COTA Administrative & Maintenance Facility			\$810,000.00	
			Purchae of One (1) Medium-Duty Low Floor ADA accessible Transit Bus for Fixed Route				\$200,000.00
			Purchase of Two (2) ADA Accessible Vans for the Demand Response Service				\$170,000.00
Total Obligation:						\$810,000.00	\$370,000.00
Estimated Carry Over Prior Fiscal Year TOTAL:					\$1,206,840.00		
FY 2016 Allocation					\$961,891.00		
FY 2017 Allocation					\$825,745.00		
FY 2018 Allocation							
FY 2019 Allocation							
TOTAL ALLOCATION:					\$2,994,476.00		
TOTAL OBLIGATION:					\$2,168,731.00		
Carry Over FY 2018					\$825,745.00		

/s/ James A. Ada
Secretary of Public Works

Opinion

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EDITORIAL

The lives lost in Annapolis expose the absurdity of Trump's anti-media tirades

The lives lost at the Capital Gazette newsroom in Annapolis on Thursday are a powerful reminder of just how false the press-as-the-enemy narrative is.

President Donald J. Trump proclaims media outlets "the enemy of the American People." A popular conservative writer says he "can't wait for the vigilante squads to start gunning journalists." Walmart for a time sold T-shirts reading "Rope. Tree. Journalist. SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED." This president has a problem with the truth. It gets in the way of the narrative he is selling to an all-too-eager public.

In fairness, we don't know what role — if any at all — the hate out there played in the actions of Jarrod W. Ramos, the suspected shooter who had a long-running dispute with the Capital Gazette over stories written about a harassment case involving a woman Ramos had known in high school.

But anyone being suckered into the "fake news" narrative being peddled by Trump and his cronies should take a moment to learn more about the five who died in the attack. Some of the victims were lifelong writers deeply invested in their communities. They were dedicated to informing the people of Anne Arundel County about what they needed to know to live their lives. They held power to account. They woke us to shared joys, sorrows and new ways of seeing the world.

Such as Rob Hiaasen, 59, a writer and editor. He wrote about waking up later in life to the terrible discrimination of his hometown in Florida, which he'd been oblivious to as a child.

"I was taken to Fort Lauderdale beach before I could even swim. If there was unrest elsewhere in the country, it surely didn't happen on unspoiled Fort Lauderdale beach. Little did I know or learn in school.

"In 1961, there was a series of 'wade-ins' by black residents on the all-white beach at Las Olas Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale. A year before, my beach had been immortalized and romanticized in the popular beach movie, 'Where the Boys Are.' There weren't any black beachgoers in the movie, either.

"Organized by the local NAACP, the wade-in participants — tired of trudging to the 'blacks-only' sand scrap south of the 'good' beach — were greeted by threats of police arrest and crowds of whites brandishing bottles and bats. The number of black participants increased, and eventually, a Broward Circuit judge allowed the protests to continue. Broward County's beaches were, from then on, desegregated.

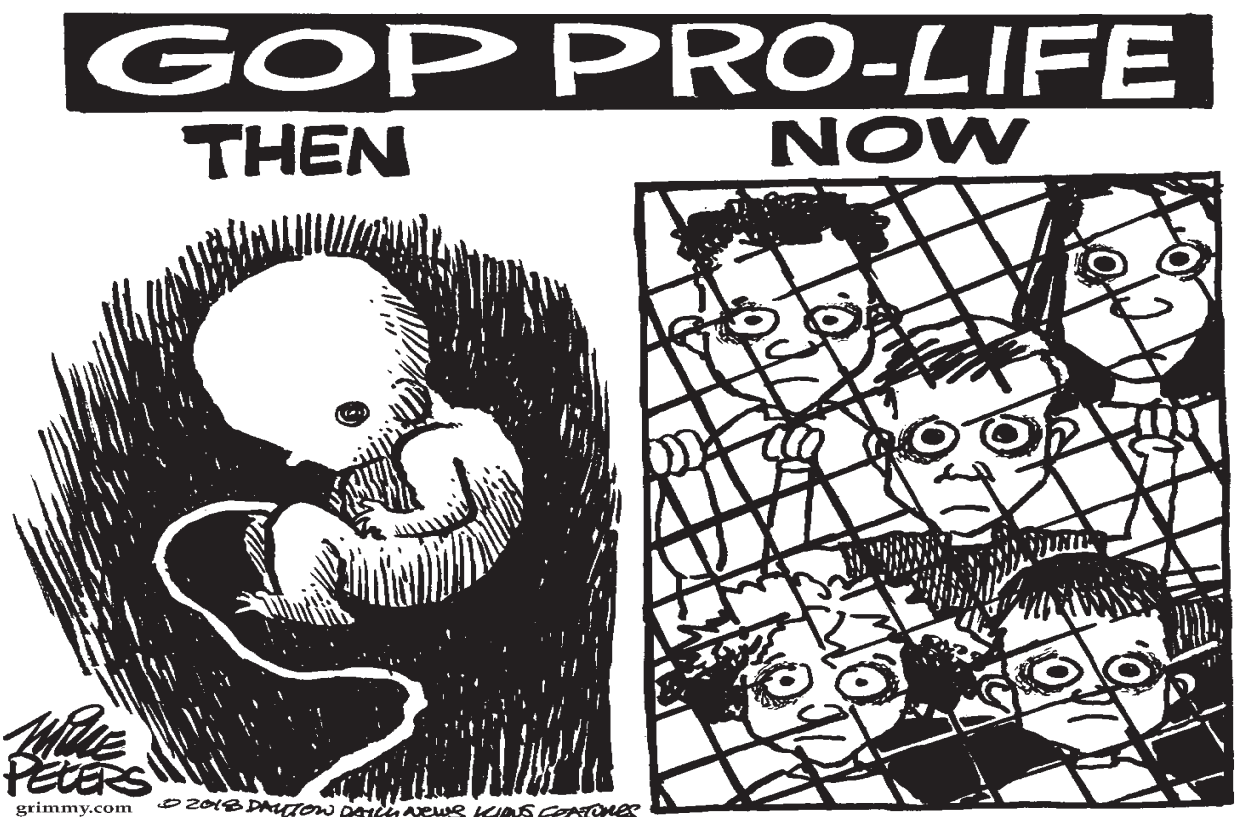
"I had no idea when and how this happened until I was at the beach a few years ago and noticed a historic marker chronicling the wade-ins."

Gerald Fischman, 61, the newspaper's editorial page editor, would work all hours of the day and night to craft the paper's view. He wrote last year about the "lake-sized cesspools of hatred on the internet" from which those who commit hate crimes "can draw moral support."

He went on:

"That leaves the decent 99 percent of society with only a few tools. One is relentless prosecution of people who com-

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Volunteers help asylum-seekers navigate backward policies at Mexico border

Every afternoon between 3 and 5 p.m., the doors of Catholic Charities' Humanitarian Respite Center in McAllen, Texas, open to a freshly apprehended group of migrants. Like homing pigeons or criminals, the adults have been fitted with ankle GPS devices to prevent their escape. But at the center, they are applauded, cheered and greeted with shouts of "Bienvenidos!" or "Welcome!" by volunteers and staff.

That is one of many disjunctive images captured this week by Lisa Speicher Munoz of Waterloo, Iowa. The associate professor of sociology and gender studies at Hawkeye Community College is a long-time advocate for immigrants. She's there with fellow advocate Cheryl Roberts, who retired recently from teaching English to non-native speakers at the University of Northern Iowa.

When Munoz heard Roberts was heading to McAllen to volunteer for a week, she spontaneously joined her. Without advance notice, they found their way to the center and started pitching in.

McAllen is also home to the Ursula Detention Center for unaccompanied migrant children. That's the former warehouse that prompted widespread outrage after video taken inside showed children, separated from their parents, sleeping inside chain link-fences.

Those separations have stopped though the families have yet to be reunited. But the unauthorized border crossings continue. This week, between 120 and 200 people a day arrived, Munoz said. It offers a respite between being processed by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents and heading to relatives in the U.S. or a shelter in San Benito, Texas. There they will try to make their case for asylum status to immigration judges.

But first they are fed and showered, given fresh clothes and shoes and snack bags, a chance to confer with a doctor and be briefed by a lawyer.

Munoz says the migrants, who include families and unaccompanied minors, are polite and grateful. But some are in tears, withdrawn and showing signs of trauma. "I've done this work a long time. I did it in Postville," she said referring to the aftermath of the 2008 immigration raid on the kosher meatpacking plant in Iowa where 389 workers were arrested. "I'm not a parent but my heart just breaks for these kids. ... What makes me the saddest are the ones that are detached."

These migrants' only path to long-term legal status in the U.S. is convincing an immigration judge they have a well-founded fear of persecution if returned to their homelands. But that job just got harder with U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions' declaration that foreign-born people fleeing domestic violence, gang violence or other so-called "private crimes," are no longer eligible for asylum.

By **REKHA BASU**
Des Moines Register

Rekha Basu is a columnist for the Des Moines Register.



This is a key point that Americans who say immigrants should apply legally and wait their turn need to understand. There is ordinarily no legal way.

Munoz, who communicated with me during the week by phone or Facebook, said it's doubtful, based on what she's heard, that all of these migrants will even get as far as a judge. Officers from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service may decide beforehand that they lack grounds to seek asylum.

"Some volunteers at the shelter have said that these are not true asylees, that they are really just escaping poverty," she wrote. "I'm not sure it's as clear-cut as violence vs. poverty but rather, these are intertwined."

In other words, abject poverty might beget crimes that result in violence, putting people like these in double jeopardy.

A spokesperson at the federal Customs and Border Protection office in Laredo, Texas, confirmed that asylum is the only route to long-term lawful residency for these border crossers. There are also humanitarian paroles granted for short periods under specific circumstances, including to donate an organ or get medical treatment, attend a family member's funeral or care for a seriously ill relative. But those don't confer lawful status.

Some asylum seekers won't even make it across the border to make their cases, according to Munoz. You have to be on U.S. soil to make a case for asylum. But she said when she and Roberts were returning after crossing the McAllen-Hidalgo-Reynosa Bridge into Mexico's Tamaulipas state, they had to show their papers to U.S. border patrol agents on the Mexican side. That was even before reaching the border-patrol station on the U.S. side.

The CBP spokesman denied that border officers were in Mexico, saying they were checking papers on the U.S. side of the bridge. As "a result of the port's operational capacities having been met, we are temporarily limiting entry into our facilities until our resources normalize," he wrote.

But Munoz said she and Roberts were stopped on a ramp in Mexico that they had to take to exit Mexico. She said three men were checking papers, two in CBP uniforms. After that, she said she and Roberts each paid a quarter to leave Mexico through a

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Thanks to so many...

Now that the Northern Mariana Islands U.S. Workforce Act has passed Congress, I want to give my public thanks and acknowledgement to the many who helped make this possible.

In Congress it was always—and had to be—a bipartisan effort. Senate Leaders McConnell and Schumer, Chairmen Murkowski and Grassley, my Democratic colleagues Senators Cantwell, Feinstein, Heinrich, Hirono, Menendez, Sanders, and Wyden were all involved.

On the House side, I worked especially with Majority Leader McCarthy, Democratic Whip Hoyer, Chairmen Rob Bishop and Bob Goodlatte, and their Democratic counterparts, Representatives Grijalva and Mr. Nadler.

In the Marianas, I am grateful for the participation of all who

gave me the benefit of their experiences and ideas in the many “listening sessions” we held last year. Everyone who ever came to their congressional office with a labor or immigration-related problem also added to our understanding of what is working and what needed to change. Testimony by the business community contributed significantly.

Thanks to the friends we have made over the last 10 years at the Government Accountability Office, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service and its sister agencies in the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Labor for their technical contributions.

And thanks to our Legislature and Governor Torres, who have given the U.S. Workforce Act, their complete endorsement. I thank the Governor, too, for the positive influence he had on the

By GREGORIO KILILI C. SABLAN

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.



Republican opposition to the bill.

Our community is at our best when we work together. I believe the Northern Mariana Islands U.S. Workforce Act is proof.

The Supreme Court puts religion-based dishonesty above the health and welfare of vulnerable pregnant women

In 2014, a recent high school graduate named Dania Flores, posing as a pregnant teenager, visited 43 crisis pregnancy centers in California.

What kind of care would they offer? How medically competent would they be?

As Flores discovered, most crisis pregnancy centers are thinly disguised anti-abortion Christian ministries designed to steer women away from abortion. In the process they spew misinformation, if not downright lies. You will never hear in a crisis pregnancy center that a woman is far, far more likely to die of childbirth-related causes than abortion, which has an infinitesimal complication rate.

At every clinic, Flores said, she was told that abortion leads to breast cancer. (It does not.) She was told that birth control pills cause headaches and, as she told me, “put hormones in your body you don’t need.”

She was told that condoms “have a bunch of little holes you might not know about.” In two clinics, staffers told her how guilty they felt about their own abortions. During a free vaginal ultrasound, a technician in Mountain View mistook her IUD for a fetus and told her it did not have a heartbeat.

Flores’ undercover work, for NARAL Pro-Choice California, helped lead to a state law that required crisis pregnancy centers to inform patients that the state has public programs providing free or low-cost family planning — from contraception to yes, abortion. (Which, let us not forget, is safe and legal.)

On Monday, by a 5-4 vote, a supremely misguided U.S. Supreme Court tossed out the California law, finding that it violated the free speech rights of the very folks at crisis pregnancy centers who use deception and shame to persuade women to have children they may not want or be ready for.

How is this possible? Laws that forbid lawyers from lying to clients are constitutional.

Doctors, the court has ruled, can be forced to read untrue anti-abortion messages crafted by legislatures under the guise of giving medical information.

But when the state of California tries to look out for its pregnant citizens by requiring crisis centers to actually inform them

of their rights to various free services, it’s an untenable affront to free expression, according to Justice Clarence Thomas, who wrote the majority opinion.

To paraphrase Emma Gonzalez, the eloquent anti-gun activist from Parkland, Fla., I call BS.

“The court thinks this law is an attempt to trample the 1st Amendment by targeting crisis pregnancy centers,” said Michele Bratcher Goodwin, director of the Center for Biotechnology and Global Health Policy at the UC Irvine School of Law. “But if the court was ideologically positioned to actually take seriously the health, values and concerns of women, it might have read differently what this state has done.”

Abortion-friendly California has the lowest maternal mortality rate in the country. And there is a reason for that: California values the lives and autonomy of women. It respects the important role that family planning plays in their emotional, physical and financial health.

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We seem to be in a moment where a majority of justices on our nation’s highest court believe that a person’s religious belief is to be honored regardless of the harm it inflicts on others. (Particularly if the others are gay and/or women.)

The Supreme Court ruling in favor of the Colorado baker who refused to make a wedding cake for two men is Exhibit A. Yes, it was a narrow ruling by the court, and applicable only to the facts of that particular case, but let’s face it, the decision gave bigots a big boost.

In 2014’s Hobby Lobby case, the court ruled that closely held corporations can deny their female employees contraception coverage, whether their religious objections are based on fact or mere conjecture. So, for instance, even if a boss wrongly believes that Plan B, a form of emergency birth control, works by inducing an abortion, he or she can refuse to cover that form of birth control. Never mind that Plan B works only to prevent conception, it’s the belief that counts.

“This court has not been friendly to the constitutional and legal interests of women,” said Goodwin, in what may be the understatement of the decade.

loved story-telling. John McNamara, 56, covered sports for decades. Rebecca Smith, 34, was a sales assistant who had been on the job less than a year.

The Capital Gazette victims lived for informing the people of their community, and they died for that.

Do we take this personally here at the Courant? You bet we do. The Capital Gazette is a sister paper of ours, but it goes way beyond that. Here, in The Courant’s newsroom every day, journalists dedicate their time, energy and passion to telling the truth about the world around us. Want to see what the world looks

cial, who asked to be referred to simply as a spokesman.

During the week, Munoz also met people coming from Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras. Among them was a 17-year-old Guatemalan boy who told her he was being sent to a detention center even though he has a brother in Mississippi. She didn’t understand if that was due to his minor status or something else.

She also met a boy who looked to be nine or 10, accompanied only by a sister who was wearing a GPS ankle bracelet, which keep people within a 75-mile radius. They said their mother was in South Carolina. “I asked the sister how old she was and she

like without those men and women on the front lines? Watch an episode or two of “The Handmaid’s Tale.” Those who would paint the media as the enemy are being led down a perilous path.

The five who died in Annapolis died doing what they believed in, and we will cherish their memories always.

They are not the enemy. The media is not the enemy.

What is dangerous beyond words is a nation being robbed of its ability to learn the truth.

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would only tell me “mayor de edad” or of legal age.”

The ankle monitors reminded Munoz of the Postville mothers who awaited their court dates while in limbo with their children, barred from working, unable to provide for themselves.

One would have hoped that 10 years later, we’d have substantially reformed immigration law to create routes to lawful immigrant status for people seeking to live here and employers wanting to hire them. Instead, in this caustic political environment where careers are made on being tough on immigrants, our practices are just getting more draconian.

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mit hate crimes. Another is refusal to be silent when someone parades their bigotry. Free speech is a sacred American right. But no one has the the right to expect that speech that spouts hatred won’t be answered and denounced — or that criminal acts can be justified by the perpetrators’ deep ignorance and bigotry.”

Wendi Winters, 65, was a community correspondent who

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gate. Then they waited in line 45 minutes to go through a checkpoint with scanners at a regular border patrol station.

If U.S. agents are actually in Mexico blocking migrants’ entry to prevent their chance of making their case, that would be a cruel breach of international protocol.

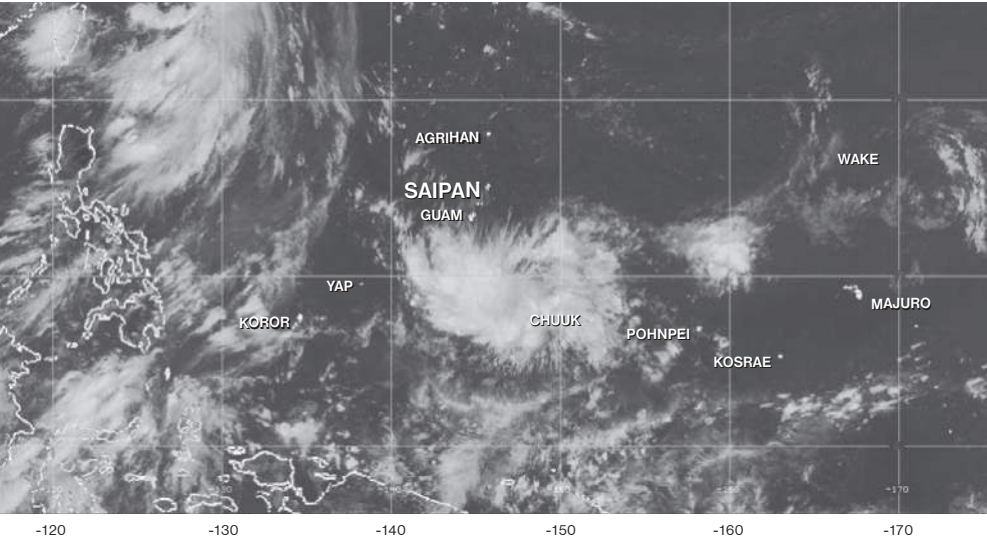
“CBP is not denying or discouraging travelers from seeking asylum or any other form of protection,” wrote the media offi-

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in the morning.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 6:35 AM, MONDAY, JULY 2, 2018

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Generally dry weather is expected today into Tuesday, with nothing more than isolated showers and thunderstorms. Then, a disturbance, currently southeast of Guam will move toward the Marianas and bring showers and the potential for thunderstorms, centered around Wednesday. Some guidance has faster timing with the showers arriving as early as Tuesday night. Right now will keep Wednesday through Thursday as the most likely time period and linger them into Friday morning. Most of the guidance is in good agreement that the system does not really develop until it is west of the Marianas. The only change that was made was to introduce scattered showers in the Friday portion of the forecast. Once this system passes, just isolated showers are expected for the end of the week.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	84° / 78°	
Palau	Thunderstorm	84° / 76°	
Yap	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	87° / 80°	
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	88° / 77°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	88° / 77°	
Majuro	Thunderstorm	85° / 79°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	55° / 48°	
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	97° / 75°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	90° / 82°	
Honolulu	Showers	86° / 75°	
London	Sunny	82° / 55°	
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	76° / 63°	
Manila	Thunderstorm	88° / 79°	
Melbourne	Windy	59° / 52°	
Miami	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°	
New York	Partly Cloudy	91° / 75°	
Osaka	Thunderstorm	84° / 77°	
Paris	Partly Cloudy	84° / 66°	
Busan	Partly Cloudy	82° / 72°	
Rome	Partly Cloudy	88° / 70°	
Salem	Thunderstorm	91° / 72°	
San Francisco	Sunny	63° / 52°	
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	88° / 72°	
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	90° / 75°	
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	95° / 76°	



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- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
5:26 AM	LOW TIDE	1.14	
9:51 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.63	
5:05 PM	LOW TIDE	0.01	
-	-	-	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Wednesday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:52 AM	6:51 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	9:42 AM	10:31 PM
Wednesday	-	10:30 AM	11:11 PM
Thursday	-	11:19 AM	11:50 PM
Friday	-	12:09 PM	-
Saturday	12:30 AM	1:00 PM	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 6, 2018							
DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	8:45am	9:30am	Daily	UA117	7:00am	7:45am	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7	7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5	7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)				HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1	JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4	JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN	UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM	PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
U043	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7	U042	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	U042	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
				UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. <i>(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)</i>							
STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.							
SAIPAN TO ROTA				1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily	1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily	1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily	1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN				1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily	1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily	1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily	TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
ROTA TO GUAM				FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily	2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
GUAM TO ROTA				2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily	2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
SAIPAN TO TINIAN				2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily	2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily	2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily	2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
				2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
				2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

ShapeYourLife explores life in The Marianas

Wang Xiao, key opinion leader and founder of female culture and fitness brand ShapeYourLife, visited The Marianas on June 19, 2018, to bring the wonders of the islands to her 1.2 million fans on Sina Weibo, China's most popular social media platform.

The FAM(iliarization) tour, coordinated in cooperation with ShapeGirl Competition, aims to promote The Marianas to the young female community, which is one of

Intro to Spanish Class at JKPL

During the month of July, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will be hosting a free Intro to Spanish for Teens and Adults.

The dates for the classes are Friday, July 6, Wednesday, July 11, and Wednesday, July 18. The classes will be held from 4pm to 5pm. Because it is a basic Spanish class, participants will learn topics like the alphabet, counting, basic phrases, and more. This class is part of the Teen and Adult Summer Library Institute, so attending all four classes will count toward the reading log. To sign up for the class, please visit the library and ask for Emily. Questions? Call the library at 235-READ.

For the latest news and events, please visit the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's website at www.cnmlib.org and like and/or follow JKPL's Facebook page, @joetenkiyu. Please call the library at 670-235-7322/23 for questions/concerns. The library's summer hours are as follows (effective June 12-Aug. 4): Tuesday-Friday, 9am-5:30pm, Saturday, 9am 4pm, and closed Sundays, Mondays, and holidays. (PR)



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ShapeYourLife founder Wang Xiao visits Managaha in The Marianas on June 22, 2018. Wang shared her experiences in The Marianas with her 1.2 million fans on Sina Weibo, China's largest social media platform.

the highest target markets for island travel. This year's winners of the ShapeGirl Competition will win a trip to The Marianas.

Wang visited iconic scenery spots on Saipan, including

Managaha, the Marpi area, San Juan Beach, and Grotto for free diving. Accommodations were provided by E-Land Group at Pacific Islands Club Saipan and Kensington Hotel Saipan.

"The response to Wang posts on Weibo have been very positive," said MVA Marketing manager Broc Calvo.

Two videos also shot during her tour are expected to be released in July 2018. (PR)



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ShapeYourLife founder Wang Xiao free dives at Grotto in The Marianas on June 21 2018. Wang tour and accompanying social media coverage was facilitated by the Marianas Visitors Authority.



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ShapeYourLife founder Wang Xiao visits San Juan Beach in The Marianas on June 23, 2018.



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HOLE-IN-ONE DONATION

Century Tours Operations manager Rain Bao, center, presents a \$20,000 hole-in-one donation to the 17th Annual HANMI Charity Classic Golf Tournament Committee on June 16, 2018, at the Century Tours office in Susupe. Also pictured are committee members Das Krishnan, Glenn Policare, Steve Jang, and staff and management of Century Tours.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Torres and Babauta forum on Marianas Agupa Chamorro Talkshow

This coming Saturday, July 7, 2018 at 10am, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and former governor Juan N. Babauta will appear together on *Marianas Agupa Talkshow*.

According to Glenn H Manglona, host of *Marianas Agupa Talkshow*, "the purpose of this forum is to find out from each of our gubernatorial candidate where do they stand on the most pressing issue affecting our people today. The five areas that will be asked are public

health, economy, education, utility, and transportation.

Manglona said, "The invitation letter was sent out last week to both of our gubernatorial candidates and we hope that they will show up for this important forum. Our listening audience are anxious to listen to our 2018 gubernatorial hopeful. So get your coffee and donuts ready for the show. The show will be broadcast live on Magic 100.3 FM and will be streamed on the internet and via Facebook." (PR)

Marine Corps Forces Pacific Band to hold

concerts at AMP

American Memorial Park is proud to host the United States Marine Corps Pacific Band for two concerts during their visit to Saipan for our Liberation Day celebration. The brass band and jazz concerts are open to the community and free of charge:

■ July 3: Concert will start at 6pm at the American Memorial Park Amphitheater

■ July 4: Full ceremonial band will play at the Liberation Day Parade

■ July 5: Concert will start at 2pm at the American Memorial Park indoor theater

Please join us for some

great music at the park!

American Memorial Park was created to honor the American and Marianas people who died in the World War II Marianas campaign. (PR)

Water outage for Tanapag, Achugao, As Mahetog

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the general public that there is an emergency water service interruption for the Tanapag, Achugao, and As Mahetog areas.

The cause of the interruption is due to a leak on the 4-inch distribution water

main line near the Tanapag Church. Water operations personnel were informed of the leak but were unable to make the necessary repairs due to World War II human remains being discovered at the job site. The Historic Preservation Office was informed and is currently making their assessments. Once done, HPO will give CUC clearance to proceed with repairs.

Updates will follow as soon as they are available.

CUC continues to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its customers. For more information,

contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/>). (PR)

FSM VP George on Saipan for visit

Federated States of Micronesia citizens residing in the Commonwealth are requested to attend an important meeting with the FSM Vice President Yosiwo George today, July 3, at 6pm at the Carolinian Utt. All FSM citizens are cordially requested to attend promptly. (PR)

Marianas Ocean Tourism ambassadors turn eyes to

Marianas Ocean Tourism ambassador Yorko Summer is turning eyes to the underwater wonders of Rota, leading a media FAM(iliarization) tour organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority for Summer and other first-time visitors to the island.

Summer, a Top 100 underwater photographer and noted lecturer, was joined on June 11-18, 2018, by super blogger Carrie Tai, travel blogger Ailsa Chang, 2018 Intern to The Marianas Min Chen, MVA Country manager Milane Tsai, and an assistant/model to cap-

ture underwater photos and discover the tourism resources of the island, known for its unspoiled nature beauty and island hospitality.

"To see is to believe!" said Tai. "By seeing 'The World's Friendliest Island' sign right outside of the airport, we started to feel the warmth that Rota people would like to bring to visitors."

Dives were arranged by Rota Scuba Center Rubin to famous diving sites including Carol Garden, Jerry's Reef, Koko Reef, Pinatang Reef, Sandy Beach, and Rota Hall.

"I've dived on Saipan, Tinian, and many places in the world and it is surprising that the visibility underwater is around 50 to 75 meters in Rota. This makes me want to explore and share the beauty of Rota with all divers around the world," said Summer. "And the color of the ocean is so much like Tiffany blue!"

The group was welcomed by Rota Mayor Efraim M. Atalig with a sunset dinner at breezy Teteto Beach. MVA board member Agida Quitugua and MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion also joined the dinner. A Chamorro BBQ lunch served with fresh coconut juice was also enjoyed by the group later in the trip.

On land, the group also visited the Swimming Hole, As Nieves Latte Stone Quarry, Song Song Lookout, Rota Resort and Country Club, and Tiana's Restaurant.

"The quality of food is good, and the flavor is tasty at the Tiana's!" said Chang after dining there.

All photos and articles generated on the tour, valued at \$120,000 worth of media exposure, will be further used by the MVA for its marketing and promotional use. (PR)



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Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig, center, welcome Marianas Ocean Tourism ambassador Yorko Summer, right, to the island on June 13, 2018. Also pictured is Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Christopher A. Concepcion.



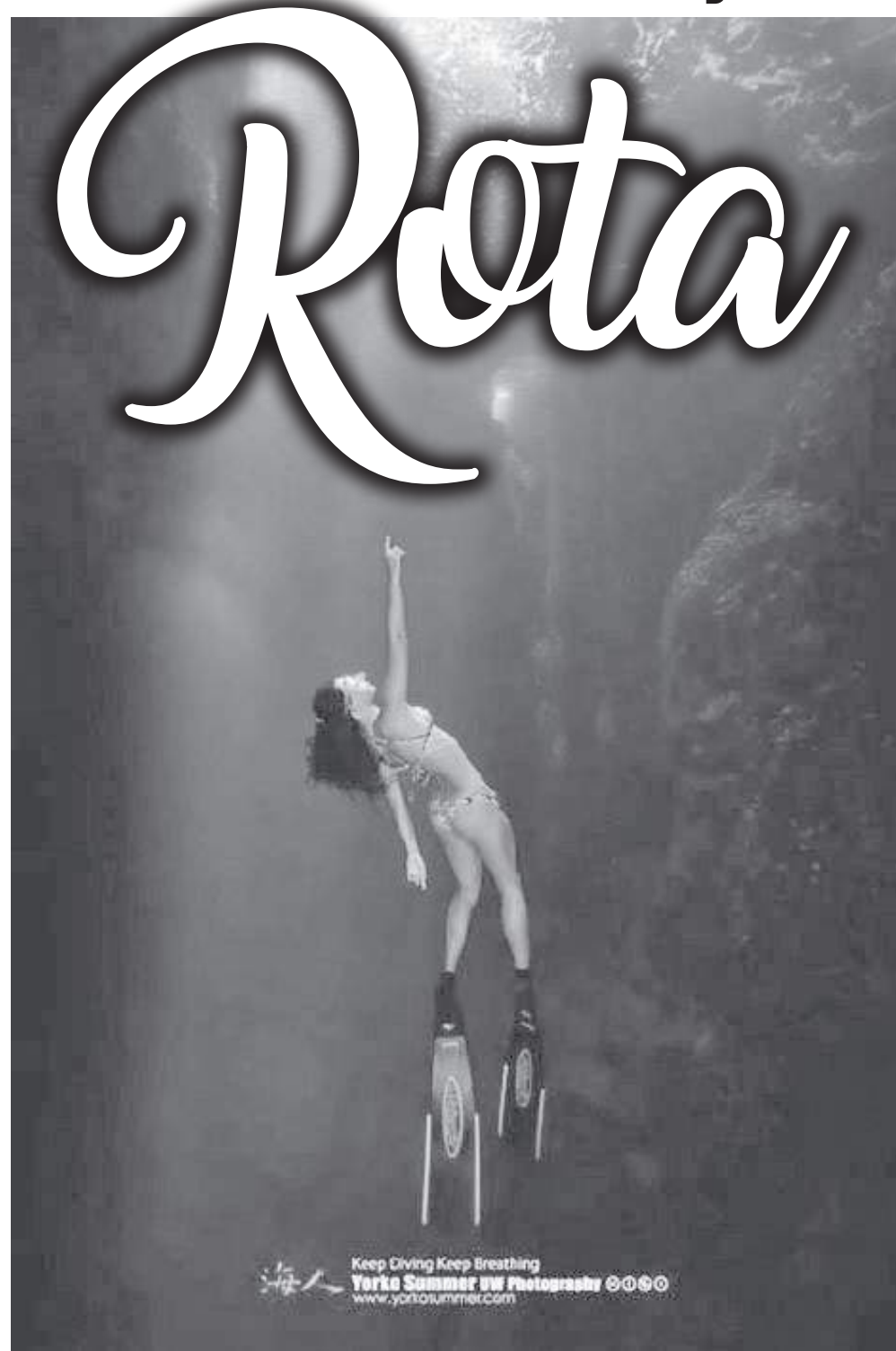
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Marianas Ocean Tourism ambassador Yorko Summer, prepares to sample island dishes at a sunset dinner hosted by the Mayor of Rota on June 13, 2018, in The Marianas.



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A typical island-style plate served in The Marianas includes red rice, barbeque, coco (pickled fruit or vegetables), and other side dishes.



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The waters of Rota in The Marianas offer over 200 feet visibility under some conditions, making SCUBA and free diving one of the islands biggest attractions.



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Marianas Visitors Authority Rota Field Office supervisor Sandra Atalig, center, welcomes Marianas Ocean Tourism ambassador Yorko Summer and other first-time visitors to the "world's friendliest island" on June 13, 2018. From left are MVA Taiwan Country manager Milane Tsai, Yorko Summer, Ailsa Chang, Sandra Atalig, Ming Chen, Carrie Tai, and Min Chen.

CEC plans to hold voter registration in Guam

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Election Commission is planning to hold a voter registration drive in Guam to give an opportunity to those CNMI residents who are currently temporarily staying on the island.

CEC election register clerk Robin Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* that there are CNMI residents who are bedridden, on medical referrals, have no access to internet, and don't know how to register online in Guam.

Sablan said others are in Guam serving in the military,

while some are working.

He said they don't know yet the estimated numbers who are in Guam.

Sablan said for medical referrals, the CNMI is using three to four hotels.

She also emphasized that the voter registration drive is still a plan.

CEC has been active in voter registration drive in the CNMI. The drive at 14 different locations on Saipan,

Tinian, and Rota has resulted in the registration of 427 individuals.

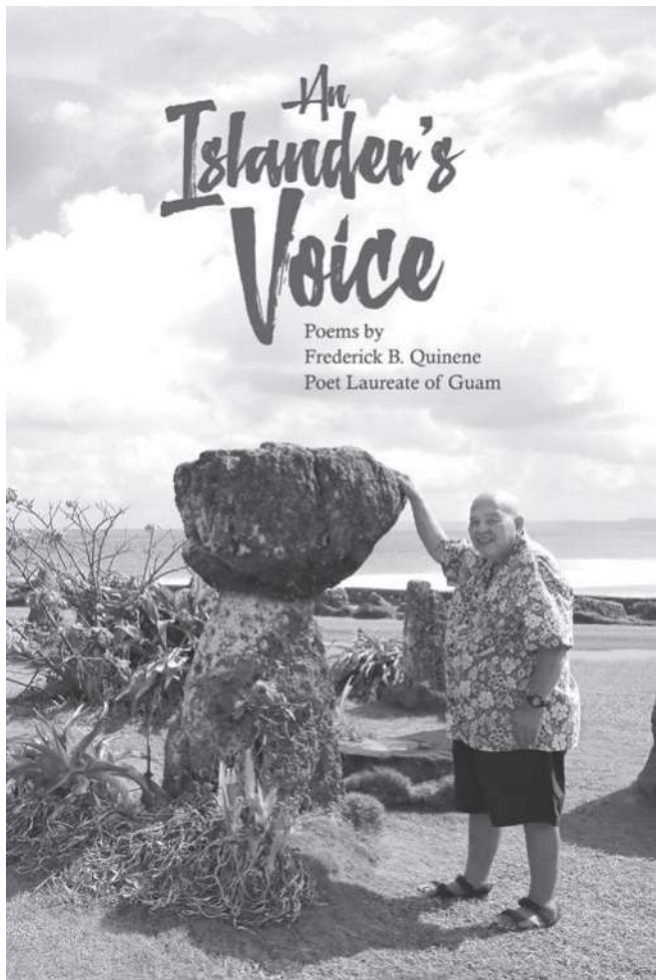
CEC acting executive director Kayla Igitol recently disclosed that there are now a total of 17,657 registered vot-

ers in the CNMI.

In the 2016 general election, there were a total of 17,928 registered voters in the CNMI.

Starting this Saturday, July 7, CEC's office in Susupe will open every Saturday from 9am to 3pm to accommodate more persons who want to register.

Poet Laureate Frederick Quinene publishes collection of poems



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The book cover of *An Islander's Voice*, Guam's Poet Laureate Frederick B. Quinene's published collection of poems.

Frederick B. Quinene, Guam's Poet Laureate, has published a collection of poems entitled *An Islander's Voice* with the University of Guam Press. A book launch and author signing to celebrate the publication of *An Islander's Voice* will be held at 5:30pm on Thursday, July 12, 2018, on the second floor of the University of Guam's R.F.T. Micronesian Area Research Center (MARC).

Quinene will read some of his poetry and autograph copies of *An Islander's Voice*, which will be available for sale at \$15. Refreshments will be provided by the Quinene family.

An Islander's Voice provides readers with a window into Quinene's deep love of Guam and a unique period in the island's history. The book includes writing on love and family; politics and insights on the Bordallo administration; CHamoru legends; and poems to mark funerals and family occasions. It also includes a

beautiful collection of black-and-white photography by Ron J. Castro, depicting island scenes to accent the poems.

Recognizing Quinene's ability to make a difference with his poetry, former governor Ricardo J. Bordallo officially declared him the Poet Laureate of his administration on August 4, 1986, stating, "Fred Quinene has been blessed with the gift of a poetic pen, and

possesses the ability to write beautiful, lyrical sonnets ... and this gift should not go unnoticed and is most certainly a source of pride for all of Guam."

Quinene writes about the island and the CHamoru culture with love in both CHamoru and English. It is from this place of love that he also critiques important political and historical issues, and has always been vocal about Guam's colonization and relationship with the United States. This collection of poems is Quinene's gift to the people of Guam. **(PR)**

UOG psych grads accepted into prestigious doctoral programs

Danielle Concepcion, Monique Nakamura, and Brooke Pangelinan—each of whom graduated from the University of Guam's Master of Science in Clinical Psychology (MSCP) program this year—have been accepted into prestigious doctoral programs in the U.S. mainland. They will start their programs this fall.

"Doctoral programs in psychology are generally very competitive and programs in clinical psychology are especially competitive. Students must have high GPAs, good GRE scores, and strong backgrounds in research and applied clinical work to get in," said Dr. Iain K.B. Twaddle, professor of Clinical Psychology and chairman of the MSCP program.

He said UOG's MSCP program helps students gain the experience necessary to make their applications competitive. Concepcion, Nakamura, and Pangelinan have each presented their master's thesis research at international conferences and have had extensive clinical experience conducted through Isa Psychological Services Center, the Violence Against Women Prevention program, the Department of Corrections, and the Superior Court of Guam's Client Services and Family Counseling Division.

Danielle Concepcion

Concepcion, a mentee of Twaddle, was accepted into eight schools but ultimately accepted an offer into the accredited clinical psychology doctoral program at the California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant International University in Los Angeles (CSPP-LA).

She will work toward a Doctor of Psychology as part of CSPP-LA's Multicultural Community-Clinical Psychology emphasis area under Dr. Lisa Liu, whose research focuses on multicultural, ethnic minority, and diversity issues and Asian American mental health.

Concepcion is also the recipient of a \$15,000 IMPACT Scholarship from the school, the top award amount possible under that scholarship with others starting at \$2,500.

Concepcion's long-term plans are to work in a community-based setting providing mental health services to low-income families, ethnic



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From left, Brooke Pangelinan, Danielle Concepcion, and Monique Nakamura from the University of Guam's Master of Science in Clinical Psychology program have each been accepted into a prestigious doctoral program in the U.S. mainland and will start their studies this fall.

minorities, victims of trauma, victims of war and violence, and other marginalized and disadvantaged populations.

"I want to come back and practice here," she said. "I was born and raised on Guam. This is my home."

Monique Nakamura

Nakamura has been accepted into a competitive social psychology program with a 6% acceptance rate at the University of Minnesota.

"The University of Minnesota has one of the top psychology programs, including social psychology," said Dr. Yoshito Kawabata, Nakamura's psychology professor and mentor at UOG.

She will pursue a Doctor of Philosophy degree under the school's Chairman of the Department of Psychology, Dr. Jeffrey A. Simpson, who conducts research on close relationships through attachment theory in his Social Interaction Lab.

She received a full tuition waiver with a monthly stipend for five years.

Her long-term goals include teaching research methodology in university classes and conducting longitudinal studies, or repeated observations, of ethnic minority couples and how past literature has impacted them.

After completing her doctoral studies, Nakamura said she plans to continue to collaborate with researchers on Guam.

Brooke Pangelinan

Pangelinan, another mentee of Twaddle at UOG, was accepted into six doctoral programs

but ultimately accepted an offer into a selective clinical psychology doctoral program at the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma. The program has been accredited since 1991.

She will be working toward a Doctor of Philosophy degree in the Study of the Prevention, Adjustment, and Resilience to Trauma and Adversity Lab, otherwise known as SPARTA, under Dr. Lisa Cromer, who was awarded an American Psychological Association award for Outstanding Early Career Achievement in Trauma Psychology.

"I wanted to work with Dr. Cromer because she was really interested in me doing something that I was passionate about, which is being able to do research that is relevant to Guam and the Micronesian region," she said.

Her long-term goal is to return to Guam to work in a non-profit community-based organization serving Pacific Island populations.

"It has always been my intention to come back and be able to serve the community,"

6 Managaha beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged six Managaha beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites Swimming Area A (MG02), Swimming Area B (MG04), Managaha Beach (MG07), Swimming Area A (MG03), Managaha Beach (MG05), and Managaha Beach (MG10)

Samples collected from

Pangelinan said.

Past graduates

Former MSCP graduates have also used their higher education to benefit Guam.

Eunice Perez, the first graduate of UOG's MSCP program, received her master's in clinical psychology in 2011. She went on to earn her doctorate in clinical psychology from Saint Louis University in 2016. She returned home to Guam and is now working as a clinical psychologist at the Guam Behavioral Health & Wellness Center.

2014 MSCP graduate Camarin Meno was then accepted into the doctorate program in clinical psychology at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Twaddle said that Meno plans to return home to Guam to work as a clinical psychologist when she completes her studies in 2021.

For more information about the Master of Science in Clinical Psychology program at the University of Guam, contact Dr. Iain Twaddle at 735-2882 or psychology@triton.uog.edu. **(PR)**

these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. **(DEQ)**

Business

Canada announces billions in retaliatory tariffs against US

TORONTO (AP)—Canada announced billions of dollars in retaliatory tariffs against the U.S. on Friday in a tit-for-tat response to the Trump administration's duties on Canadian steel and aluminum.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government released the final list of items that will be targeted beginning July 1. Some items will be subject to taxes of 10 or 25 percent.

Trudeau and U.S. President Donald Trump spoke late Friday.

"As he has said in past conversations and in public, the Prime Minister conveyed that Canada has had no choice but to announce reciprocal countermeasures to the steel and aluminum tariffs that the United

States imposed on June 1, 2018," Trudeau's office said in a statement.

"The two leaders agreed to stay in close touch on a way forward."

It was their first direct conversation since Trump tweeted that Trudeau was "weak" and "dishonest" after leaving the G-7 meetings in Quebec earlier this month.

Trudeau also spoke to Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto and updated him on Canada's response to the U.S. tariffs.

The taxes on items including ketchup, lawn mowers and motor boats amount to \$12.6 billion.

"We will not escalate and we will not back down," Canadian Foreign Minister

Chrystia Freeland said.

Freeland said they had no other choice and called the tariffs regrettable.

Many of the U.S. products were chosen for their political rather than economic impact. For example, Canada imports just \$3 million worth of yogurt from the U.S. annually and most of it comes from one plant in Wisconsin, the home state of House Speaker Paul Ryan. The product will now be hit with a 10 percent duty.

"This is a perfectly reciprocal action," Freeland said. "It is a dollar for dollar response."

Another product on the list is whiskey, which comes from Tennessee and Kentucky, the latter of which is the home state of Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell.

Working around a mediocre manager

Q: The head of our department is not a good manager. "Dave" has a very short attention span, so our attempts to communicate with him, both verbal and written, often go nowhere.

For example, we have tried to advise Dave about problems with the administrative staff. Our clerical employees ignore proper procedures and show little concern for deadlines. When we come to them with urgent needs, they often refuse to help. Dave has never taken steps to address these issues.

Because Dave is such a poor communicator, we seldom receive information about business developments or organizational changes. He plays favorites with training opportunities, sending some employees to workshops while overlooking others.

Dave's lack of leadership is extremely frustrating, but complaining to upper management would create even more problems. Should we just bite the bullet and carry on?

A: When dealing with mediocre managers, it's easy to see only their exasperating flaws. Unfortunately, however, the resulting irritation can drive the relationship into a downward spiral. So despite Dave's frustrating inadequacies, keep reminding yourself that he could be a lot worse.

One way to make progress is to identify those issues which you may be able

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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to influence. To obtain more information, for example, the group could suggest adding business updates to the staff meeting agenda. To equalize educational opportunities, each person might create a development plan which includes training requests.

On the other hand, addressing performance problems is clearly a management responsibility. To motivate Dave to act, you must connect the clerical shortcomings to something he views as important — department goals, customer service, upper management perceptions, or whatever matters to him.

For example: "We're afraid the vice-president may be developing a negative opinion of our group. When she has last-minute requests, we frequently can't meet them because the clerical staff refuses to help. Since they won't listen to us, could you talk with them about this problem?"

Compensating for the deficiencies of an ineffectual boss requires a lot of effort, so perhaps this sounds like too much work. If so, then "bite the bullet and carry on" is always another option.

Q: Some people want to avoid performance reviews,

but I'm actually trying to get one. I clearly deserve a raise this year, and you can't get a raise without a performance evaluation. The supervisor was supposed to complete our annual reviews three weeks ago, but he keeps putting them off. When I've asked a bout it, he replies that he'll get around to them eventually. How can I make this happen?

A: If pay increases are tied to appraisals, then this process is definitely "owned" by someone, probably human resources. So if your HR manager is a helpful sort, perhaps you can explain your dilemma and request a favor.

For example: "I've been looking forward to my performance review because I'm likely to get a raise this year. So far, my supervisor hasn't done them for our group. Could you remind him about the deadline without mentioning my name?"

Getting managers to complete appraisals can be like pulling teeth, so your HR folks may already be tracking a large group of stragglers. With any luck, this request will move your boss to the top of that list.

Nation

Tearful reunion for mother, daughter separated at border

MIAMI (AP)—It had been nearly two months since Buena Ventura Martin Godinez has seen her 7-year-old daughter after the frightened young mother was separated from her family trying to cross from Mexico into the U.S. They've spoken tearfully by phone, but seeing her at a Miami airport Sunday for the first time, she grabbed the child in a tight embrace, tears running down her cheeks during a reunion she feared may never happen.

"I feel very happy, now and to complete my joy I would like to have my husband released," Martin said in Spanish as her daughter Janne clutched a stuffed dog and blue balloons and played with her younger brother at baggage claim.

Martin carried her infant son from Mexico into the U.S. in May, fleeing what she said were threats from violent local gangsters demanding money in their hometown in northwestern Guatemala. Her husband followed two weeks later with the young girl.

But the family was caught by the Border Patrol and scattered about under President Donald Trump's zero-tolerance immigration policy forcing families to be separated when crossing the border. Her husband, Pedro Godinez Aguilar, was convicted of the misdemeanor offense of illegal entry into the U.S. and awaits almost certain deportation at a jail in Atlanta. Martin was held for a week with her infant in Arizona and Texas, at times sleeping on the concrete floor of a detention facility before she was released. She now wears a heavy black monitoring device strapped to her ankle. She and her baby boy are with relatives in a gritty town south of Miami.

The little girl was in the custody of a child welfare agency in Michigan and made heartbreaking calls to her mother, asking when they'd be reunited.

Newspaper says it received threats following shooting

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP)—The Maryland newspaper where five people were killed by a gunman last week said it received death threats and emails celebrating the shootings following the attack.

The Capital Gazette said in a Sunday editorial that it would not forget being called



Buena Ventura Martin-Godinez, left, hugs her daughter Janne after being reunited at Miami International Airport, Sunday, July 1, 2018, in Miami.

The family is one of thousands who have tried to find refuge in the U.S. in recent weeks only to be caught up in the harsh reality of an immigration system that has never been as welcoming as many desperate migrants hoped and has grown harsher under Trump, with the separation of parents from children being used as a means of discouraging illegal immigration.

More families are crossing the Southwest border from Guatemala than any other nation, with 29,278 families apprehended between October and the end of May.

Martin and her husband could easily have been apprehended under the previous administration, too, and would have faced a tough battle for asylum. But the father wouldn't have been prosecuted for a first-time crossing; he would likely have been briefly detained with his daughter and then released with a monitoring device while they battled their future out in court. Their daughter also would not have been shipped alone across the country, leaving them desperately trying to get her back.

At Sunday's emotional reunion, the child's uncle Nicolas Godinez said his family had been sick with worry about her return. They'd heard unsubstantiated rumors the U.S. government was putting children like Janne up for adoption.

"an enemy of the people." President Donald Trump has used identical language to describe the news media.

The Capital Gazette said people also called for the paper to fire a reporter who cursed on national television after seeing her friends shot.

The paper also thanked

"To receive her is the most marvelous thing I could receive," he said through tears.

Martin, who worked as a nurse in Guatemala, said she and her husband decided to leave San Juan Atitan because masked men were demanding extortion payments from her husband's small business selling internet access.

They traveled by bus to an area just south of the border in Arizona. She said they didn't use smugglers, though many Central Americans do and find themselves paying off the fees for years. Martin said she waded through knee-deep water with several other migrants and was immediately apprehended. Court records show her husband was caught in the same area on May 16.

Martin has been getting some help from a local activist since she can't afford a lawyer. She has been working at a nearby plant nursery, earning \$9 an hour. She puts her baby in day care as she presses her case for asylum.

As the grateful mother clutched her daughter Sunday, she had a warning for other families.

"I would advise people to find another country to seek refuge ... because here the law is very tough. People don't have a heart," she said with tears streaming down her cheeks. "Your child is a treasure and to have them separated is very painful."

the community for its support following the shooting and said more than 800 people subscribed to its digital edition.

Jarrod Ramos is charged with murder after police say he opened fire Thursday at the Gazette offices in Annapolis.

Asia

Bolton: US has plan to dismantle NK nuclear program in year

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States has a plan that would lead to the dismantling of North Korea's nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs in a year, President Donald Trump's national security adviser said Sunday, although U.S. intelligence reported signs that Pyongyang doesn't intend to fully give up its arsenal.

John Bolton said top U.S. diplomat Mike Pompeo will be discussing that plan with North Korea in the near future. Bolton added that it would be to the North's advantage to cooperate to see sanctions lifted quickly and aid from South Korea and Japan start to flow.

Bolton's remarks on CBS' "Face the Nation" appeared to be the first time the Trump administration had publicly suggested a timeline for North Korea to fulfill the commitment leader Kim Jong Un made at a summit with President Donald Trump last month for the "complete denuclearization" of the Korean Peninsula.

Despite Trump's rosy post-

summit declaration that the North no longer poses a nuclear threat, Washington and Pyongyang have yet to negotiate the terms under which it would relinquish the weapons that it developed over decades to deter the U.S.

Doubts over North Korea's intentions have deepened amid reports that it is continuing to produce fissile material for weapons.

The Washington Post on Saturday cited unnamed U.S. intelligence officials as concluding that North Korea does not intend to fully surrender its nuclear stockpile. Evidence collected since the June 12 summit in Singapore points to preparations to deceive the U.S. about the number of nuclear warheads in North Korea's arsenal as well as the existence of undisclosed facilities used to make fissile material for nuclear bombs, according to the report.

It said the findings support a new, previously undisclosed Defense Intelligence Agency

estimate that North Korea is unlikely to denuclearize. Some aspects of the new intelligence were reported Friday by NBC News.

A U.S. official told The Associated Press that the Post's report was accurate and that the assessment reflected the consistent view across U.S. government agencies for the past several weeks. The official was not authorized to comment publicly on the mat-

ter and requested anonymity.

Bolton on Sunday declined to comment on intelligence matters.

He said the administration was well aware of North Korea's track record over the decades in dragging out negotiations with the U.S. to continue weapons development.

"We have developed a program. I'm sure that Secretary of State Mike Pompeo will be discussing this with the North

Koreans in the near future about really how to dismantle all of their WMD and ballistic missile programs in a year," Bolton said. "If they have the strategic decision already made to do that, and they're cooperative, we can move very quickly," he added.

He said the one-year program the U.S. is proposing would cover all of the North's chemical and biological weapons, nuclear programs and bal-

listic missiles.

Even if North Korea is willing to cooperate, dismantling its secretive weapons of mass destruction programs, believed to encompass dozens of sites, will be tough. Stanford University academics, including nuclear physicist Siegfried Hecker, a leading expert on the North's nuclear program, have proposed a 10-year roadmap for that task; others say it could take less time.

11 bodies, 10 of them hanging, found at New Delhi home

NEW DELHI (AP)—Police in India's capital said they found 11 bodies at a home under mysterious circumstances on Sunday, including 10 that were blindfolded and hanging.

The victims were all from the same family and most had lived in the home where they were found in Burari village in the northern part of New Delhi, said police officer Vineet Kumar.

During a search of the house, handwritten notes were found that point "toward observance of some definite spiritual or mystical practices by the whole family," police said in a statement.

"Coincidentally, these notes have strong similarity with the manner in which the mouths, eyes etc of the deceased were tied and taped," the statement said. It didn't elaborate.

Kumar said police began their investigation after they received a call Sunday morning that some "members of a family have committed suicide."

But he said that no suicide note was found, and that police were investigating whether the victims—a 77-year-old woman, her two sons and their wives, a daughter and five grandchildren—died by suicide or were killed.

There were no bullet marks on the victims' bodies and there was no sign of forced entry into the house, Kumar said. "We're yet to reach any con-

clusion whatsoever," he said.

Police said in their statement later Sunday that a murder case had been registered, though a police official said both murder and suicide were being investigated.

The statement said that the house had not been ransacked, and that no valuables were found to be missing.

Ten bodies, blindfolded by cotton and pieces of cloth, were found hanging from an iron grill used as a ventilator in the home's courtyard, while the body of the 77-year-old woman was lying on the floor of the house, said the police official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to reporters.

The family had lived in the house for more than two decades, the Hindustan Times newspaper reported. It said the house belongs to a businessman who ran a plywood shop and dairy.

The newspaper said that at around 8 a.m. Sunday, a neighbor with whom the businessman used to go for morning walks went to see him and found the door of the house open and the 10 people, including the businessman, hanging. He raised an alarm and people called the police.

Arjun Thukral, a relative of the family who lives in the same neighborhood, said he ran to the victims' house as news of the deaths spread.

In Celebration of His New Life

†STEVEN ARNOLD MATAGOLAI PANGELINAN

Lovingly Known as "BING TALU"

Born to Life on September 05, 1969 Called to Eternal Life on June 14, 2018

In his new life, he now joins his:

Parents: †Jesus Santos Pangelinan and †Caridad Matagolai Pangelinan
Parents in Law: †Santiago Acosta Camacho and †Carmen Sablan Dela Cruz Camacho
Brother: †Edwin Jesse Matagolai Pangelinan
Brother in-law: †Joseph Dela Cruz Camacho
†Richard Anthony Dela Cruz Camacho
†Eulogio Manalo King

His memories will live forever in the hearts of his:

Wife: Ruth Camacho Pangelinan
Children: Carriecarmen C. Pangelinan
Stephenny C. Pangelinan
Children at Heart: Patricia "Patty" B. Sablan
Sandy Wayne C. Borja

Brothers/Sisters & Spouses:

Martin C. Duenas / Eleonita Santos & Family
Marialisa C. Duenas & Family
Arlene M. Pangelinan & Family
Ludy S. Pangelinan
Vivian Elaine M. Pangelinan
Melvin M. Pangelinan

Brother in-law & Sister in-law:

Gabriel DLC. & Frances Tenorio Camacho & Family
Martha Cabrera Camacho & Family
Francisco DLC. Camacho & Mazie Sn Taitano & Family
Patricia DLC. Camacho & Jose P. Villagomez & Family
Edward DLC. & Elizabeth Gonzales Camacho & Family
Martin DLC. & Raynita Lizama Camacho & Family
Cynthia Reyes Camacho & Family
Lydia Camacho King & Family
Gernadine DLC. Camacho

He will also be missed by numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Daily Mass of Intention for the repose of his soul is being celebrated at Kristo Rai Church every 6:00 am.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, July 06, 2018. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora Dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 7:30 am to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral. Responso service and Holy Rosary will be prayed upon arrival of remains.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am. He will be laid to his final rest at the family garden in Santuario Pax Memorial Gardens in Kagman.

Please join us in prayers.

Ruth Camacho Pangelinan, Children and Family

World

Mexico gives leftist Lopez Obrador big presidential win

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Angry and frustrated over corruption and violence, Mexican voters delivered a tidal wave presidential election victory to leftist Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, giving him a broad mandate to upend the political establishment and govern for the poor.

An official quick count from electoral authorities late Sunday forecast that Lopez Obrador would win with between 53 percent and 53.8 percent of the votes, a remarkable margin not seen in the country for many years. Early Monday, with about 20 percent of the votes counted, Lopez Obrador's advantage was close to the quick count's statistical sample.

A prominent exit poll predicted his party allies were poised to score big victories in congressional races, possibly winning absolute majorities in the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies.

Lopez Obrador, who campaigned on vows to transform Mexico and oust the "mafia of power" ruling the country, rode widespread voter anger and discontent with the governing Institutional Revolution Party, or PRI, of President Enrique Pena Nieto and had led opinion polls since the beginning of the campaign.



Presidential candidate Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador acknowledges his supporters as he arrives to Mexico City's main square, the Zocalo, Sunday, July 1, 2018.

The PRI, which dominated Mexican politics for nearly the entire 20th century and recaptured the presidency in 2012, was set to suffer heavy losses not just for the presidency but in other races as well.

In brief remarks at a hotel in central Mexico City, Lopez Obrador called for reconciliation after a polarizing campaign and promised profound change but with respect for the law and constitutional order.

"I confess that I have a legitimate ambition: I want to go down in history as a good president of Mexico," said Lopez Obrador, who won after losses in the previous two elections. "I desire with all my

soul to raise the greatness of our country on high."

The president-in-waiting, whose term will begin Dec. 1, devoted much of his speech to appealing to citizens of all stripes and seeking to reassure

those who have eyed his candidacy nervously.

"This new national project will seek to establish an authentic democracy and we do not intend to establish a dictatorship," Lopez Obrador said. "The changes will be profound, but in accordance with established order."

Conservative Ricardo Anaya of a right-left coalition and the PRI's Jose Antonio Meade acknowledged defeat shortly after polls closed nationwide. The quick count had them around 22 percent and 16 percent, respectively.

Lopez Obrador's supporters began wild celebrations in Mexico City, cruising up and down the central Paseo de la Reforma boulevard honking horns to the tune of "Viva Mexico!" and waving Mexican flags from car windows and moon roofs.

Thousands poured into the sprawling main square known as the Zocalo, where the 64-year-old former mayor of the capital had called on his backers to rally. Many danced to the trills of mariachi music.

Retired teacher Susana Zuniga beamed and said the country was experiencing a moment similar to the Mexican Revolution a century ago.

Vatican City still has no policy to fight clergy sex abuse

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Francis has taken measures to address a spiraling sex abuse scandal in Chile, but he hasn't moved on a problem closer to home: Vatican City itself does not have policies to protect children from pedophile priests or require suspected abuse to be reported to police.

Seven years after the Vatican ordered all bishops conferences around the world to develop written guidelines to prevent abuse, tend to victims, punish offenders and keep pedophiles out of the priesthood, the headquarters of the Catholic Church has no such policy.

The gap in Francis' oft-pledged "zero tolerance" for abuse is surprising, given that the Holy See told the United Nations five years ago that it was developing a "safe environment program" for children inside the 44-acre Vatican City.

Asked about the promised child protection guidelines, the secretary general of the Vatican City State administration, Monsignor Fernando Vergez, told The Associated Press he couldn't respond "since the study and verification of the project are still underway."

Yes, Francis in 2013 updated Vatican City's legal code to criminalize sexual violence against children and just last month the Vatican tribunal convicted a former diplomat of possession and distribution of child pornography.

And one could argue that, beyond the new law, a written policy and safe environment program is unnecessary in a city state where only a handful of children live full time.

But thousands of children pass through the Vatican walls every day, touring the Vatican Museums, attending papal audiences and Masses and visiting St. Peter's Square and basilica.

And Vatican City authorities wouldn't have to look far for help in crafting such a policy. The pope's own Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors—his hand-picked sex abuse advisory board—has a template for such guidelines on its Vatican website.

The absence of clear-cut policy became evident late last year following revelations that a teenage seminarian in the Vatican's youth seminary had, in 2012, accused one of the older boys of sexually molest-

ing his roommate.

Nothing came of it. Vatican police, who have jurisdiction over the territory, weren't called in to investigate. A series of bishops—including Cardinal Angelo Comastri, Francis' vicar for Rome and the archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica—said they investigated, but no one ever interviewed the alleged victim.

The student who lodged the complaint, Kamil Jarzembowski, was promptly kicked out of the seminary while the accused seminarian was ordained a priest last year.

The Associated Press has learned that the victim has since filed a formal complaint with the Vatican's criminal tribunal and Italian church authorities launched a canonical investigation into the newly ordained priest.

Those developments occurred after Italian journalists Gaetano Pecoraro and Gianluigi Nuzzi exposed the scandal last year, prompting the Vatican to reopen the investigation. In their reports, Jarzembowski's story—including all the letters he sent to church authorities, Vatican officials and the pope over the years—came to light.

WORLD BRIEFS

Car bomb kills 4 in Mali, 3rd extremist attack in 3 days

BAMAKO, Mali (AP)—A suicide car bomb aimed at a patrol of French soldiers has killed four civilians Sunday in Gao in northern Mali, said officials. The suspected extremist attack is the third in three days in Mali, which is preparing for presidential elections on July 29. "French soldiers in armored vehicles were patrolling ... when a gray-colored 4X4 car drove by them before exploding," said Atayoub Maiga, a Gao resident who witnessed the explosion. "I saw French helicopters coming to the scene of the attack and evacuating wounded," he said. According to the Malian Ministry of Homeland Security said that 31 were wounded, including eight French soldiers. This is the third attack targeting military forces in Mali in the past three days. Two soldiers and one civilian were killed on Friday in the car bomb attack on the G5 Sahel force command post in the central town of Sevare. The al-Qaida affiliate in Mali has claimed responsibility for that attack. On Saturday at least four Malian soldiers were killed when their vehicle hit a land mine in the Koro area in central Mali.

Gunfire, clashes amid Iran protests over water scarcity

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—Gunfire erupted as Iranian security forces confronted protesters early Sunday amid demonstrations over water scarcity in the country's south, violence that authorities said wounded at least 11 people, mostly police. The protests around Khorramshahr, some 650 kilometers (400 miles) southwest of Tehran, come as residents of the predominantly Arab city near the border

with Iraq complain of salty, muddy water coming out of their taps amid a yearslong drought. The unrest there only compounds the wider unease felt across Iran as it faces an economic crisis sparked by President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw America from Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers. Protests began in Khorramshahr, Abadan and other areas of Iran's oil-rich Khuzestan province on Friday. The demonstrations initially were peaceful, with protesters chanting in both Arabic and Farsi.

No resolution to German government crisis over migrant plans

BERLIN (AP)—A resolution to Germany's government crisis proved elusive Sunday after the head of the Bavaria-only Christian Social Union in Angela Merkel's conservative bloc offered his resignation rather than back down from his stance against the chancellor's migration policies. A nearly eight-hour meeting of the CSU in Munich was put on hold after the party's leader, Interior Minister Horst Seehofer, made his offer to resign both from Merkel's Cabinet and as head of the CSU. After further talks with a smaller group of CSU officials seeking to change his mind, Seehofer said he had agreed to meet again with Merkel's party before he made his decision final. "We'll have more talks today with the CDU in Berlin with the hope that we can come to an agreement," Seehofer told reporters just before 2 a.m. Monday. "After that, then we will see." Officials of Merkel's Christian Democrat party broke off their own separate meeting in Berlin about an hour earlier, saying they would resume at 8:30 a.m.

Overdrive

By **ROBERT DUFFER**
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Subaru is rising. The small Japanese brand has had 78 months of consecutive growth. It is one of the industry leaders in conquest sales—taking customers from other brands—and has the second-highest brand loyalty rate, behind Toyota, according to Edmunds.com. It has capitalized on the crossover craze and eaten away at the market share of the big boys without having a big boy in its lineup. Until now.

With the 2019 Ascent, Subaru finally has a proper three-row crossover with all-wheel drive safety, off-road capability and full family-hauler functionality.

Let's be honest: a three-row crossover is as exciting as your second-grader's artwork. But the Ascent fills a huge void in Subaru's relatively small lineup and should keep loyalists in the family as they get a family.

Subaru either learned from its mistakes in the wishy-washy Tribeca (2005-2014) or learned from being the last automaker to offer a competitive three-row crossover.

The Ascent drives much smaller than the other late-comer, the Volkswagen Atlas, and feels more like the sporting Mazda CX-9 behind the wheel. It's a smooth adjustment for consumers going from a smaller crossover or even a car. The all-new turbocharged boxer four-cylinder engine makes 260 horsepower and 277 pound-feet of torque, good enough to tow 5,000 pounds, according to Subaru. That output beats the 3.6-liter flat-6 engine in other Subies, so expect it to be the engine of the future.

Because the pistons are horizontally opposed, the boxer engine sits lower in the bay and has less vibration than inline or V-6 setups. It makes for



TNS
The 2019 Subaru Ascent is a three-row crossover powered by a 260-horsepower turbocharged boxer four-cylinder engine with a continuously variable transmission and 19 cupholders.

Review: Subaru climbs into 3-row class with 2019 Ascent

a smoother, more nimble ride than other three-row crossovers. The stepped gear ratios in the continuously variable transmission approximate the shift points you'd come to expect in an automatic transmission without the heavy droning and sense of anticipation that comes with other CVTs.

In short, the driver won't pay much attention to the inner workings of the powertrain. It's responsive for everyday needs and utilizes Subaru's effortless all-wheel-drive system with X-Mode, which controls wheel spin at

lower speeds.

It sits larger than it rides, unlike the comparatively cramped CX-9. It's not as roomy as the Atlas or Honda Pilot in the third row, though. Subaru says three child seats

could fit, but your knees ride high back there. Like most vehicles in this class, that row is best for grade-schoolers.

Also like the CX-9, Atlas and Ford Explorer, the top of the line Touring trim puts a

price on premium. Java brown leather with heated everything contrasts against the black dash with silver accents. A wood-grain console gives it that upscale touch, while the center stack has big climate and audio knobs for the gloved among us in the Snow Belt.

There are essentially three vehicle info display areas, with some redundancy. The 8-inch touch screen is mainly for navigation and for the passenger to have a say in audio controls or to play with apps. Above the center stack embedded in the dash is Subaru's

multifunction display, which shows a more detailed look at what systems are in use, such as torque distribution or the engaged elements of Eye Sight — Subaru's excellent suite of advanced driver assistance systems. After getting over my skepticism at more screens, I came to appreciate seeing in one place what lane-keep assist was doing with blind-spot alert and adaptive cruise control instead of glancing at icons in the gauge cluster. The vehicle info display in the gauge cluster shows speedometer, fuel economy, trip meters and more. The only confusing part is remembering where the buttons are to play with each one.

Also nice to play with are the 19 cup holders; parents won't be surprised by how quickly they fill with non-cup kid stuff. Touring has six USB ports instead of four, including two in the third row. The second row comes with captain's chairs with knob-ish handles on top to help third-row passengers climb in or out. Subtle, clever, Subaru. At this price point it would have been nice to have headrests that collapse when pulling the strap to collapse the third row.

Ascent has a relatively low load floor despite having 8.7 inches of ground clearance for modest but capable off-roading. The doors open wide for easy access and the cargo area is wide on top and bottom to load two hockey bags vertically and still fit seven passengers. And those roof rails can support a roof tent, which evidently is a thing.

It's all very easy, which should be welcome relief to anyone hauling kids.

In a market overrun with three-row crossovers, Subaru needed the Ascent more than the market needed it. But Ascent should keep Subaru trending upward.

NUTS & BOLTS

■ **2019 Subaru Ascent Touring at a glance**
■ **Vehicle type:** 3-row mid-size SUV
■ **Base price:** \$31,995
■ **As tested:** \$44,695 in Touring trim (excluding \$975 destination)

■ **Mpg:** 20 city, 26 highway (22 combined)
■ **Engine:** 260-horsepower 2.4-liter turbo boxer four-cylinder
■ **Transmission:** Continuously variable transmission in all-wheel drive

Under the Hood: Overheating engine is a mystery

Q: I loaned my car to my brother for a few days and when he returned it he told me it was overheating and I should get it fixed right away. I hadn't noticed anything like this previously. What could be causing this?

— **Angie T.**

A: This will be difficult without more details. I'm curious what your brother observed to lead him to say this and what actions he took to protect the car from damage. Normal engine operating temperature for most cars and trucks is about 195 degrees, with occasional increases to perhaps 230 degrees. Perhaps he observed a higher than

normal reading? Anything over 240 would get my heart beating faster! If there's a red coolant light that's illuminating, this is a really big deal as the threshold for lighting is likely 250 degrees, seriously hot. Also, if the car is spewing coolant on the ground, emitting steam, or making gurgling sounds from under the hood, it's screaming "fix me right now!"

Here come the questions: When does the higher than normal temperature occur, at low speeds, or at higher speeds? Is the car a front-wheel drive vehicle with a transverse (side-ways) engine? If so it would use an electric cooling fan to

draw air through the radiator as conditions warrant (fluctuations in temperature between 195 and 230 degrees are normal when it is stopped or operating at speed as the fan cycles on and off). If you have an older car or pickup truck with a longitudinal engine, it would likely have a mechanical fan driven by the engine (you won't see temperature swings at idle as the fan runs all the time). If higher than normal engine temperatures are encountered mostly at low speeds in an electric fan vehicle, an inoperative fan is a likely cause. If overheating occurs mostly at high engine load

with a mechanical fan, the fan clutch may be faulty. Overheating at all or higher speeds (both fan types) can have many causes: low coolant level, faulty water pump impeller, sticky thermostat, collapsing radiator hose, missing/damaged air diverter, among others.

Checking the coolant level would be an important and simple first step to begin assessment of this condition. Be sure to only do this with the engine cool, as hot and pressurized coolant can cause serious burns when a radiator cap is removed or a hose bursts. Some vehicles use an overflow tank (thin plastic

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with loose fitting cap) and the radiator cap is on the radiator, while others use a thick-walled expansion tank with a pressure relief cap on top. Checking fluid level in only an overflow tank is not sufficient as the radiator could still be low (it's OK with an expansion tank). If the coolant level is found to be low and there are no signs of rapid leakage it's OK to add water

temporarily and seek nearby professional services right away. If there's rapid leakage, a tow is best.

Overheating an engine can cause serious damage and is to be avoided at all costs. Please make every effort to get this to a shop as soon as possible for a complete diagnosis. With luck, perhaps the fault could be as simple as a leaky hose or loose hose fitting.

Life & Style

Maryland attack tells journalists to take threats seriously

NEW YORK (AP)—Threats of violence against journalists for doing their jobs are commonplace, and a coping strategy for many is the thought that the words are mostly empty—until that small comfort was shattered by the shooting deaths of five people in a Maryland newspaper newsroom.

Reporters largely keep stories of angry readers or viewers to themselves, although Thursday's attack in Maryland compelled many to share their experiences on social media and in newsrooms as a form of group therapy on Friday.

"Since these become a regular part of your life, you have to convince yourself that a lot of people, even if they want to act, won't act," said Jared Paul Sexton, who writes on politics for Salon and other outlets. "When something like this happens, you realize that it could."

Sexton has written extensively about the white nationalist movement, and knows that people track his comings and goings online. People have circled his house in cars, come into his driveway and flashed their lights. His house has been broken into. "Pretty standard intimidation," he said.

Just this week, Sexton got a phone call from someone who vividly described how he'd like



AP
Kathaleen Novick place flowers at makeshift memorial in the scene where five journalists were shot at their newspaper office in Annapolis, Md., Friday, June 29, 2018.

threaten them, said Sam Escobar, digital deputy director of Allure. When talking with some other women about it recently, one described being sent a message board discussion of people who wanted to rape her.

Escobar tweeted a message to fellow journalists: "Raise your hand if you know (or are) a journalist who has received a death threat in the last year." By midday on Friday, she had received more than one hundred responses.

The messages ranged from chilling to head-shaking: a woman who said she writes about makeup was stalked. Someone got a death threat for writing a rough review of a Shawn Mendes album in a college newspaper. A New Yorker cartoonist said someone wrote, "go die painfully in a corner somewhere. Hope we all hear you screaming."

"I don't think people realize that behind the stories they read all the time are human beings," Escobar said in an interview.

While he hasn't been personally threatened since a man slammed him against a post office box in 1982, newspaper columnist David McKay Wilson said the Maryland shooting gave him a glimpse into a dangerous new world.

"It makes me feel like the kids feel at school now," said Wilson, writer for the Journal News in Westchester County, New York. "When I was in school, I never worried about people coming in and killing me. It kind of put me in the head of a teenager today."

to murder and dismember him.

"I feel a responsibility," he said. "I think we are in a lot of trouble. This is happening in this country. I feel I have to keep working on this or I'd walk away with a lot of regret."

Michelle Ferrier walked—and moved—away. As a black female newspaper columnist in Daytona Beach, Florida, her mail revealed plenty of ugliness. She went to the police when one writer stalked her

and ratcheted up his threats. When she worked nights, there was no security or anybody to walk her to her car.

Now a journalism professor at Ohio University, Ferrier started TrollBusters, an organization that provides advice and resources to journalists who have been threatened.

While journalists in conflict zones are more likely to deal with violence, there still is a danger to those working

in newsrooms in the United States.

Some tough journalists take threat as part of the job; one man said on Twitter on Friday that when he started out, a colleague told him he wasn't a "real journalist" until he got a death threat. Others obsess about those who threaten them, she said.

The suspect charged in Thursday's shooting at the Capital Gazette in Annapolis

had reportedly sent menacing messages and sued the newspaper for an earlier article about him. Ferrier said she hoped the Maryland shooting reminds news organizations of the importance taking threats seriously. At The Associated Press, the global security chief on Friday sent an email to staff members with security tips.

Many journalists also work in an increasingly tense environment created by President Donald Trump's criticisms of the media as the "enemy of the people." CNN White House correspondent Jim Acosta wrote this week about an elderly woman at a Trump rally in South Carolina screaming an obscenity at him and telling him that "you are scum. Get out of here."

Social media is necessary for journalists to do their jobs, but it also makes it easier to

Professor Fiona? Famed baby hippo an educational force

CINCINNATI (AP)—Just call her Professor Fiona.

The Cincinnati Zoo's famous premature baby hippo does more than delight social media fans and help sell a wide range of merchandise. She's also an educational and literary force; heroine of a half-dozen books so far and a popular subject for library and classroom activities.

The latest book is "Saving Fiona" (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) written by the zoo's director, Thane Maynard.

"She has taught us a lot," Maynard said. It's believed Fiona is the smallest hippo ever to survive. Born nearly two months early, she was 29 pounds (13 kilograms), a third the size of a typical full-term Nile hippo and unable to stand or nurse.

A zoo staffer hand-milked her mother Bibi, and Smithsonian's National Zoo in Washington helped develop a special formula. Nurses from Cincinnati Children's Hospital were enlisted to put in a hippo IV.

"We were a nervous wreck

every day," Maynard said of Fiona's first six months after her birth in January 2017.

His book is aimed at young readers, telling Fiona's against-the-odds story while loading in facts about hippos, such as that they can outrun humans and are herbivores that can be dangerous because of their size of up to 5,000 pounds (2,267.96 kilograms).

"Part of the zoo's mission is public education," Maynard said. "(The book) is reaching kids and families with a message

of hope ... never giving up."

The combined Fiona library of books by various authors and illustrators has sold tens of thousands so far.

Educators say students are attracted to lessons themed around animals. Fiona has been on the cover of three Scholastic News Magazines that reached millions of students with stories accompanied by reading exercises or math formulas such as finding how many bathtubs the water in her zoo would fill.

Peter Firmin, artist behind 'Bagpuss,' other UK shows, dies

LONDON (AP)—Peter Firmin, the co-creator of the classic British children's TV programs "Clangers," "Bagpuss," and "The Basil Brush Show," has died. He was 89.

Firmin's spokesman told Britain's Press Association that the puppet maker and artist died Sunday at his home in Kent in southeast England after a short illness.

The official Bagpuss Twitter feed posted the news with a photo honoring Firmin.

Firmin's distinctly crafted characters, puppets that came to life through stop-motion animation, captivated generations of children.

He created the fox Basil Brush with Ivan Owen and worked with long-time business partner Oliver Postgate

on Bagpuss, The Clangers, Ivor the Engine, Noggin the Nog and Pogles Wood.

Floella Benjamin, who hosted children's TV shows during the 1970s and serves in Britain's House of Lords, said Firmin strove "to create magic to stimulate kids' minds through his creative vision."

"Bagpuss" was voted the

most popular BBC children's program ever made in a 1999 poll. Firmin was awarded a lifetime achievement award by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts in 2014.

He is survived by his wife, Joan, six daughters who often collaborated with him, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Junot Díaz denies sexual misconduct allegations

BOSTON (AP)—Pulitzer Prize-winning author Junot Díaz is speaking out about the sexual misconduct allegations against him.

The Boston Globe reports Díaz adamantly denies the accusations from women who say he behaved inappropriately. Díaz says it doesn't sound "like anything that's in my life, anything that's me."

Author Zinzi Clemmons and other female writers have recently shared stories of Díaz's behavior. Clemmons said

Díaz forcibly kissed her several years ago; others cited instances when they felt he had verbally attacked them. Díaz has said he takes responsibility for his past actions.

Díaz is keeping his teaching and editing positions at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Boston Review following separate investigations into wrongdoing. A top editor at Boston Review said the accusations lacked "the kind of severity" that animated the #MeToo movement.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The “Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom” dinosaurs ruled the box office for a second weekend in a row, but also left a little room for more modest newcomers like “Sicario: Day of the Soldado” and the basketball comedy “Uncle Drew” to over-perform in the crowded marketplace.

Studios on Sunday estimate that the blockbuster sequel to “Jurassic World” earned an additional \$60 million in its second weekend in North American theaters, bringing its domestic total to \$264.8 million. While its second weekend drop is about 10 percent steeper than that of the first film, worldwide, the film has grossed \$932.4 million to date and is barreling toward the \$1 billion mark.

The dinosaurs didn’t gobble up all the attention this weekend, however. “Incredibles 2,” now in its third weekend in theaters, took second place with \$45.5 million, bringing its domestic total to \$439.7 million.

North American audiences came out in larger than expected numbers for both the action thriller “Sicario: Day of the Soldado” and “Uncle Drew.”



‘Jurassic World 2’ takes No. 1 again

The “Sicario” sequel starring Josh Brolin and Benicio Del Toro earned \$19 million to take third place. The film, distributed by Sony Pictures, cost a reported \$35 to \$40 million to produce.

Landing in fourth place was the basketball comedy “Uncle Drew,” which features NBA All-Stars Kyrie Irving and Shaquille O’Neal. With a production price tag under \$20 million, the film

exceeded expectations grossing \$15.5 million and got audience stamp of approval with an A CinemaScore.

The ad and marketing campaign included spots during the NBA playoffs and finals, a Wheaties box featuring Irving as Uncle Drew, and an Uncle Drew capsule collection from Nike.

Lionsgate, which distributed the movie, knew the film had built-in marketability because of the celebrity of the stars, but was also pleased to discover that the film in early screenings appealed to non-basketball fans too.

“That was the surprise, that wow, we have a picture

that really plays to a general audience,” said David Spitz, Lionsgate’s president of domestic distribution. “It has a really sweet message.”

The A CinemaScore, which suggests that the film will have good word-of-mouth buzz, could bode well for the film over the Fourth of July holiday and into the rest of the summer.

“We’re hoping it’s the old adage, ‘It’s not a sprint, it’s a marathon,’” Spitz said.

Lower down on the charts the Indian film “Sanju,” a biopic about Bollywood star Sanjay Dutt, earned an impressive \$2.6 million from only 356 screens in its open-

ing weekend. And the Fred Rogers documentary “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” now playing on 654 screens, continues to do well in its expansion. It added \$2.3 million to its earnings this weekend.

After two weekends of \$100 million plus movies, this past weekend provided a little blockbuster break before “Ant-Man and the Wasp” opens this week. But even without a record-breaker or a \$100 million movie, the box office is still up 15.3 percent from last summer’s abysmal performance and 9.3 percent for the year overall.

“We can’t have every

weekend like the last two weekends,” said comScore senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian.

“The theatrical box office is on a major roll right now,” Dergarabedian added. “This puts to bed any notion that the summer movie season has run its course. Audiences want to go out to the movie theater during the summer season.”

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

Rapper who worked with Drake killed in Toronto shooting

OTTAWA, Ontario (AP)—Canadian police say a rapper who once collaborated with Drake was one of two men killed in a shooting in downtown Toronto.

Authorities on Sunday identified the men as 21-year-old Jahvante Smart and 28-year-old Ernest Modekwe. Smart was also known as Smoke Dawg, and had worked with Drake.

Drake posted a photo on

Instagram showing him and Smart performing together. Drake wrote that such a death “is devastating.” He lamented that “so much talent and so many stories we never get to see play out.”

Authorities said the shooting happened just before 8 p.m. Saturday at the corner of Queen and Peter streets in downtown Toronto. A woman wounded in the shooting is expected to recover from her injuries.

1. “Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom,” \$60 million (\$56.1 million international).
2. “Incredibles 2,” \$45.5 million (\$44.3 million international).
3. “Sicario: Day of the Soldado,” \$19 million (\$8.4 million international).
4. “Uncle Drew,” \$15.5 million.
5. “Ocean’s 8,” \$8 million (\$13.8 million international).

6. “Tag,” \$5.6 million (\$3.7 million international).
7. “Deadpool 2,” \$3.5 million (\$2.8 million international).
8. “Sanju,” \$2.6 million (\$22.2 million international).
9. “Solo: A Star Wars Story,” \$2.3 million (\$6.1 million international).
10. “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” \$2.3 million.

- Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at international theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to comScore:
1. “Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom,” \$56.1 million.
 2. “Incredibles 2,” \$44.3 million.
 3. “Animal World,” \$31.6 million.

4. “Sanju,” \$22.2 million.
5. “Ocean’s 8,” \$13.8 million.
6. “Escape Plan 2,” \$11.6 million.
7. “Sicario: Day of the Soldado,” \$8.4 million.
8. “Witch,” \$7.3 million.
9. “Solo: A Star Wars Story,” \$6.1 million.
10. “Tag” and “The Accidental Detective 2,” \$3.7 million.

Long-distance love may be drifting even further apart

DEAR ABBY: I am a retired male. My girlfriend is still working. We have been exclusive for three years. We live 300 miles apart, but see each other every two or three weeks for at least three days and, until now, have had a very good relationship.

The problem is, she’s saying she wants to socialize with her ex-husband, who lives in her town. They have been divorced for eight years, but she wants to see him occasionally in a “social setting,” not just when it pertains to their two adult children, who live out of state.

I understand that they need to have a relationship because of their family, but I have trouble accepting their getting together to socialize. She has removed pictures of me from her Facebook so as not to offend the ex and banned me from her son’s wedding. She has told me she doesn’t want me to attend any future family events where the ex is present. Am I being unreasonable or immature in not accepting this situation?

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DEAR READY: You are neither immature nor unreasonable. It would be interesting to know your girlfriend’s definition of “getting together” because it may involve more than being in a social setting. That she has removed images of you from her Facebook and no longer wants you to attend family celebrations tells me, as it should you, that more may be go-

ing on with her ex than she has told you (yet). I’m sorry, but I suggest you prepare yourself for some worse news, because it appears to me your romance is heading south.

DEAR ABBY: Please repeat a warning to your readers. Here in Tennessee, at least two young children have died recently as the result of being left inside a parent’s car on a hot day. Although many, if not most, states have passed laws against leaving children alone in a parked car (as well as people with disabilities and pets), too often those laws are ignored, knowingly or unknowingly. People still don’t understand how dangerously hot the interior of a car or truck can get, and how quickly it can happen.

The temperature inside a car with the windows rolled up can rise as much as 20 degrees in 10 minutes. Within an hour, the interior of a car can easily become hot enough to cause heatstroke, which can prove fatal to children, an elderly or disabled person, or a pet. Even on cloudy days, inside temperatures can reach dangerous levels.

Because of this risk, the National Weather Service uses a slogan: “Look Before You Lock!” TV and radio stations across the country have joined this effort, and a number of websites and videos are available that focus on this important message. Abby, would you please print this commonsense reminder?

TOM IN FAIRVIEW, TENN.

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR TOM: I’m pleased to join this campaign to save lives. Readers, if you are transporting loved ones—including your pets—resolve to stay focused on their safety rather than the next task on your to-do list. These tragedies seem to happen when drivers are so distracted by what has to be done next that they forget about what’s going on in the present.

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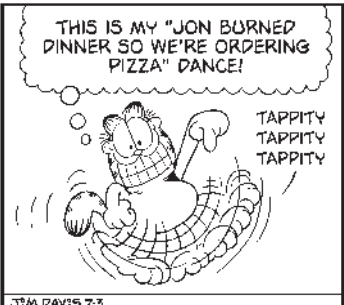
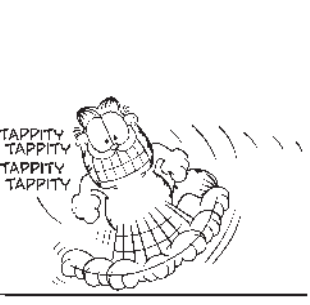
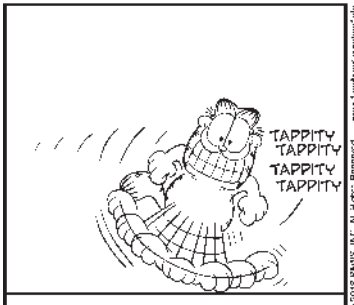
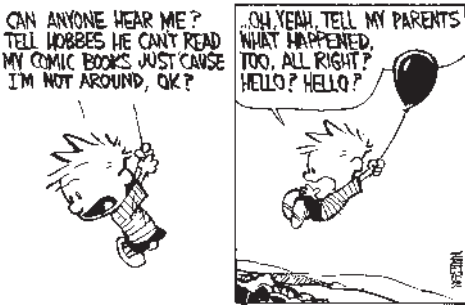
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DOWN 1 Mahal 2 Pub pint 3 Automaton, for short 4 Hand in 5 Gravy vessel 6 Business mag 7 Easy task 8 Place in a crypt 9 Actress Gilpin 10 Apple computer 11 Nightclub of song 16 Sports-caster Berman 39 Author Ferber 40 Cisterns 41 Uppity one 44 "As I see it," to a texter 45 — Dhabhi 46 Camp bed 47 Crucial

Solution time: 22 mins.

Yesterday's answer 7-3

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Olivia Munn, 38; Andrea Barber, 42; Tom Cruise, 56; Montel Williams, 62.

Happy Birthday: Look for what motivates and stimulates you to take hold of your life, and strive to develop the groundwork that will bring you closer to your dreams. Opportunity knocks, but unless you are willing to open the door and embrace change, nothing will happen. Live life, love passionately and laugh out loud; you will transform your world. Your numbers are 4, 11, 20, 29, 32, 39, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Listen to superiors and take care of your responsibilities before moving on to more enjoyable activities. You'll have more fun knowing you won't face criticism later in the day. Personal improvements, socializing and romance are highlighted. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your changing attitude may confuse some, but the people who can keep up with you and get what you are doing will be most helpful. Stick to those you know and trust to do what you want, and success will be yours. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do things on your own terms and for yourself. If you count on someone else to pitch in, you'll be disappointed. A suggestion someone makes will lead to an extravagant situation that will leave you in an awkward position. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Check out your options; you will find a way to use your skills to benefit not only yourself, but also anyone who gets involved in your plans.

Make a commitment and share what you have with the ones you love. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A fast-paced lifestyle will be risky. Unexpected obstacles will surface, making it difficult for you to look, see and do with perfection. When in doubt, let someone else go first. Keep life simple, moderate and avoid the consequences of poor planning. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Settle in for the long haul, and use your imagination to capture the essence of what it is you are trying to accomplish. Practice makes perfect. Once you have everything in place, you will have a masterpiece to unveil. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put on your running shoes and get active. You'll accomplish the most if you don't hesitate to take action when prompted by someone in a senior position. Reward yourself with something that is within budget and also meaningful to you. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let confusion set in. If someone is playing with your emotions or trying to entice you to get involved in something that isn't in your best interest, say no and proceed to do your own thing. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If confusion sets in regarding a joint venture, walk away. You are better off sticking to what you know and do best. Avoid anyone who has the potential to upset your emotional or financial well-being. **

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't limit what you can do. Embrace opportunity and new beginnings, and implement tried-and-true plans that have worked for you in the past. The future looks bright if you live by the rules and move forward with confidence. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone who knows exactly how to press your emotional buttons will charge you up easily. Turn any negative into a positive by offering love, peace, a little romance and honesty. You don't have to overspend to make an impression. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll be inspired by what others do. Jump in and put your twist on whatever you pursue. Your uniqueness will stand out. A gift, proposal or money will come from a source you least expect. Share your good fortune. ***

Birthday Baby: You are opportunistic, proactive and outspoken. You are serious and meticulous.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★ 7/03

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

GIVENCHY Solution: 12 letters

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Molinari gets record win; Woods finishes fourth

POTOMAC, Md. (AP) — Francesco Molinari delivered a record performance to win the final edition of the Quicken Loans National.

Molinari holed a 50-foot eagle putt to start the back nine, and he never stopped until he turned the final round into a runaway Sunday at the TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm. The Italian closed with an 8-under 62 for an eight-shot victory, matching the largest margin this year on the PGA Tour.

Molinari followed that eagle putt with an approach to 2 feet on No. 11, one of the hardest par 4s on tour that had yielded only one other birdie in the final round. He made three more birdies and ended his round by missing a birdie putt from 8 feet.

No matter. He finished at 21-under 259, breaking the tournament record by seven shots.

"It was a lot easier than I thought," Molinari said with a wide grin. "I played great. The start of the back nine was incredible."

Tiger Woods closed with a 66, his lowest final round in more than five years, and he was never close. Woods tied for fourth, his best result since a runner-up finish at the



AP
Francesco Molinari, left, poses with Tiger Woods and the trophy after the former won the Quicken Loans National golf tournament, Sunday, July 1, 2018, in Potomac, Md.

the Ryder Cup course outside Paris. He also was No. 123 in the FedEx Cup, so Molinari decided to play the Quicken Loans National and the John Deere Classic in two weeks to improve his standing.

The victory, his second on the PGA Tour schedule, gives him a two-year exemption and moved him to No. 42 in the FedEx Cup.

"That's what I came here for," Molinari said. "It was not easy to skip Paris and the French Open. I made the right decision."

Molinari previously won the HSBC Champions in 2010, a World Golf Championships event in Shanghai. But that was before the PGA Tour recognized it as an official victory unless a PGA Tour member had won the tournament.

That victory was a lot like this one — a master performance by a player who relies on his tee-to-green game and thrives when the putter is hot. And the putter was as scorching as weather that approached 100 degrees.

Molinari beat Lee Westwood by one shot, and no one else was closer than 10 shots in Shanghai. This time, he had the course to himself with a back nine that was close to perfection, much like his week. Molinari missed only 10 greens in regulation over 72 holes.

Abraham Ancer, who tied for fourth after a 72; and Bronson Burgoon, who had a day he won't forget.

He played with Woods for the first time and experience larger crowds and louder noise than he had ever experienced. And with a birdie on the final hole for a 67, he tied for sixth to earn his first trip to the British Open.

"I've never seen anything like it," Burgoon said.

Molinari's decision to stay in America paid off in a big way. He is around the fringe of Ryder Cup qualifying, and the French Open was this week on

Ryan Armour closed with a 68 to finish second, earning one of four spots to the British Open. The other three spots went to Sung Kang, who finished third after a 64;

maybe 29—that would be enough," Woods said. "Evidently, I would have to shoot 24 on the back nine. What Francesco is doing back there is just awesome."

Valspar Championship three months ago, though he was 10 shots behind.

"I was only four back at the time when I made the turn, and so I thought that maybe if I got on the back nine, I shot 30—



Hicks hits 3 HRs, Yanks rout Red Sox to win series

NEW YORK (AP)—Aaron Hicks hit three home runs and the New York Yankees pummeled David Price again, connecting five times in the first four innings Sunday night on the way to an 11-1 rout of the Boston Red Sox.

Luis Severino became the first 13-game winner in the majors, cruising through 6 2/3 shutout innings of two-hit ball after the Bronx Bombers quickly built him a big cushion. With the teams trading blowouts all weekend, the Yankees (54-27) took two of three from their longtime rivals to regain baseball's best record and first place in the AL East.

Batting leadoff against a left-hander, Hicks homered twice from the right side of the plate and once from the left. He smacked a two-run shot to right field in the second inning and a solo drive to center in the fourth that chased Price (9-6) and made it 8-0.

Hicks pulled his 14th of the season into the right-field stands in the eighth off Hector Velazquez. It was the first three-homer game by a Yankees player since Alex Rodriguez.

Cubs 11, Twins 10

In Chicago, Jon Lester hit a three-run homer in an eight-run second inning and wound up with his NL-leading 11th victory.

Ian Happ also homered for the Cubs. They have scored at least

10 runs in four straight games for the first time since 1930.

Rays 3, Astros 2

In St. Petersburg, Blake Snell struck out 10, reliever Diego Castillo fanned Jose Altuve in a key spot and Tampa Bay beat Houston to end a homestand.

The Rays went 8-1 at Tropicana Field, taking three of four from the World Series champion Astros.

Dodgers 6, Rockies 4

In Los Angeles, Matt Kemp had three hits and drove in four runs, including a go-ahead homer leading off the eighth inning that rallied Los Angeles past Colorado to prevent a sweep.

Nolan Arenado hit his 21st homer and had an RBI ground-er for the Rockies.

Giants 9, Diamondbacks 6

In Phoenix, Brandon Belt and Joe Panik drove in two runs each and Hunter Pence had a pinch-hit, two-run double, leading San Francisco to a series sweep against Arizona.

Orioles 8, Angels 2

In Baltimore, Manny Machado and Mark Trumbo hit consecutive homers after the Angels lost a popup in the sun, and Baltimore beat Los Angeles to end a seven-game losing streak.

Kevin Gausman (4-6) weathered temperatures in the upper 90s to go eight innings,

allowing two runs and six hits to end a run of eight straight winless starts.

Mariners 1, Royals 0

In Seattle, James Paxton limited Kansas City to two hits and struck out 11 in eight innings and Seattle beat the Royals for its season-best seventh consecutive victory.

Paxton (8-2) also allowed two walks.

Indians 15, Athletics 3

In Oakland, Francisco Lindor homered and hit two of Cleveland's 11 doubles and the Indians ended Oakland's six-game winning streak.

Edwin Encarnacion also homered and Jose Ramirez, Yonder Alonso and Lonnie Chisenhall each added two doubles.]

White Sox 10, Rangers 5

In Arlington, Matt Davidson hit a two-run double in his second straight three-hit game to lead Chicago past Texas.

Avisail Garcia had four hits, and Davidson and Jose Abreu drove in three runs apiece to help the White Sox avoid a sweep.

Phillies 4, Nationals 3, 13 innings

In Philadelphia, Pinch-hitter Andrew Knapp homered just inside the right-field foul pole in the 13th inning to lift Philadelphia past Washington.

The Phillies took three of

four in the series, with all the wins by one run.

Reds 8, Brewers 2

In Jose Peraza kept up Cincinnati's parade of grand slams, sending Matt Harvey and the Reds over NL Central-leading Milwaukee.

Peraza connected in the sixth inning for the Reds' ninth slam this year.

Mets 5, Marlins 2

In Miami, Steven Matz and three relievers combined on a four-hitter and New York beat Miami to escape the NL East cellar after a one-day stay.

The Mets won for only the second time in the past 12 games.

Braves 6, Cardinals 5

In St. Louis, Mike Foltynewicz threw five shutout innings and Freddie Freeman homered in Atlanta's victory over St. Louis.

Tigers 9, Blue Jays 1

In Toronto, Nick Castellanos hit his fourth career grand slam, Jordan Zimmermann pitched seven strong innings and Detroit beat Toronto to snap a snapping an 11-game losing streak.

Pirates 7, Padres 5

In San Diego, Colin Moran hit his second grand slam of the season and Corey Dickerson and Elias Diaz also homered in Pittsburgh's victory over San Diego.

Andy Murray pulls out from Wimbledon due to bad hip

LONDON (AP)—

Two-time champion Andy Murray pulled out of Wimbledon on Sunday because of a bad hip that has been a problem for about a year and was surgically repaired less than six months ago.

The All England Club announced Murray's withdrawal a day before the grass-court Grand Slam tournament begins.

"I've made significant progress in practice and matches over the last 10 days, but after lengthy discussions with my team and with a heavy heart, we've decided that playing best-of-five-set matches might be a bit too soon in the recovery process," Murray said in a statement released by his manager. "We did everything we could to try to be ready in time."

The 31-year-old Murray had an operation in January and returned to competition a little less than two weeks ago.

"I will start practicing on



the hard courts from tomorrow and continuing with my rehab and recovery and I'm looking forward to the U.S. hard-court season," Murray's statement read. "Thanks for all the messages of support, and I'm excited to finally be back playing after so long out."

In 2013, he became the first British man in 77 years to collect a Wimbledon singles title, and he won the championship again in 2016. He's reached at least the quarterfinals in each of his past 10 appearances at the All England Club.

Considered a member of the ruling "Big 4" quartet of men's tennis, along with Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic, Murray also won the 2012 U.S. Open and two Olympic singles gold medals.

But all of his time away meant the former No. 1-ranked Murray has fallen out of the top 150 and he was not seeded at Wimbledon.

LeBron agrees to 4-year, \$154M deal with Lakers



CLEVELAND (AP)—LeBron James is leaving home for Hollywood and an iconic team.

The Los Angeles Lakers have a new superstar -- L.A.-Bron.

The four-time NBA MVP announced Sunday night that he has agreed to a four-year, \$154 million contract with the Lakers, joining one of the league's most storied franchises and switching conferences to try and dethrone the Golden State Warriors and grow his own legacy.

For the second time in his career, James is saying goodbye to the Cleveland Cavaliers, who drafted the teenage sensation from Akron in 2003 and have to be satisfied with winning just one title in the 11

years they had him.

Unlike his two previous forays in free agency, James did not drag out his decision and made the announcement less than 24 hours after NBA free agency opened.

This Summer of LeBron was barely a fling.

His management agency, Klutch Sports Group, announced his agreement with the Lakers with a simple, short release. It was a stark contrast from eight years ago, when a poorly conceived TV special to announce his departure from Cleveland backfired and damaged James' image.

James isn't planning any more comments and there won't be a welcoming press conference or celebration in Los Angeles, a person familiar with his plans said Sunday

Cavs owner praises LeBron, promises to retire his jersey

CLEVELAND (AP)—Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert didn't trash LeBron James on his way out of town this time.

Instead, he promised to retire his jersey.

Eight years after he famously criticized James for leaving as a free agent in a letter, Gilbert thanked the superstar for coming back to Cleveland and ending the city's half-century championship drought. James announced on Sunday night that he's agreed to join the Los Angeles Lakers, a decision that dredged up bad memories for some Cavs fans.

Although James is leaving Cleveland again, Gilbert used the occasion to wish James well, opening his statement by recalling the night in 2016 when James led the Cavs to a Game 7 win in the NBA Finals over Golden State. That victory gave Cleveland its first professional sports title since 1964.

"A championship that united generations of Clevelanders, both living and passed," Gilbert said. "Virtually anyone with roots in Northeast Ohio paused and felt the memories of the past and the utter joy that the burden of the so-called 'curse' was finally a thing of the past. Cleveland, Ohio was the home of a championship team for the first time since 1964. Words do not express the meaning and the feeling this accomplishment brought to the people of Northeast Ohio."

Gilbert, whose relationship with James improved after the Cavs' title but was always a source of speculation, went on to credit the four-time MVP for delivering on his promise to make Cleveland a

championship city.

It was a striking change in Gilbert, who had written his letter in comic sans font and had called James the "so-called King." The same night of his letter, Gilbert told The Associated Press he felt James had quit during the 2010 postseason.

"None of this would have happened if LeBron James did not agree to come back home and lead the Cavaliers to the promised land," Gilbert said. "The entire Cavaliers franchise thanks LeBron for that precious moment and for all of the excitement he delivered as he led our team to four straight NBA Finals appearances."

"LeBron is a family man, first. We wish his kids, his wife Savannah, his mother Gloria, and LeBron himself nothing but the best in the years and decades ahead. LeBron's connection to Akron, Cleveland and all of Northeast Ohio will most certainly endure as his commitment to the region and his support of many important causes has been impactful to so many kids and families."

And then, Gilbert said James' jersey will one day hang from the rafters in Quicken Loans Arena. There was a time when Gilbert refused to consider the possibility.

"LeBron, you came home and delivered the ultimate goal. Nothing but appreciation and gratitude for everything you put into every moment you spent in a Cavaliers uniform. We look forward to the retirement of the famous (hash)23 Cavs jersey one day down the line..."



CLEVELAND (AP)—Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James, right, goes to the basket past Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant during the first half of an NBA basketball game Thursday, March 10, 2016, in Los Angeles.

teams. After bolting from Cleveland in 2010, he returned in an emotional homecoming four years later, determined to make the Cavs champions. The 33-year-old had previously said he wanted to finish his career in Ohio, and although he's leaving again, Cavs fans are more forgiving after he ended the city's 52-year sport title drought in 2016.

Shortly after the announcement, which came in a surprising manner, James posted a three-photo tribute to Cleveland fans on his Instagram account.

"Thank you Northeast Ohio for an incredible four seasons," James wrote. "This will always be home."

But there will always be a portion of Cleveland fans disappointed that James left again and that he wouldn't give the Cavs a longer commitment. His deal with the Lakers is his longest since he signed for six years with Miami in 2010.

With the Lakers, James will be playing in the Western Conference for the first time and just down the Pacific Coast Highway from the Warriors, the team that has stymied him three times in the past four finals.

The chance to play for one of America's most storied franchises is a new challenge for James, who prides himself on knowing the game's history. In Los Angeles, championships are the standard and he'll feel new pressure in upholding the legacies of Johnson, Bryant, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Jerry West and other Lakers greats.

It's now his turn.

night on the condition of anonymity. James will make his next public comments on July 30 in Akron when he opens a public school started by his family foundation.

It was all different this time. The game's biggest star will now lead a young Lakers team -- run by Lakers Hall of Famer Magic Johnson -- that has been overmatched in recent years while rebuilding. But the Lakers will instantly rise with James, a three-time champion who after being swept by the

Warriors in this year's NBA Finals said he is still driven and very much in "championship mode."

James wasn't planning to have any face-to-face meetings, but Saturday night he met with Johnson, who sold him on his vision for the Lakers, the person told AP. Earlier in the week, Johnson seemed resigned to the possibility he might not get James or Paul George, who ended up resigning with the Oklahoma City Thunder.

But Johnson was confident he could pull something off.

"I'm Magic Johnson," he said. The Lakers' rich legacy is something that has always appealed to James and it wasn't long after his announcement that he heard from Kobe Bryant, who won five titles during 20 seasons with Los Angeles.

"Welcome to the family (at) KingJames," Bryant said on Twitter. "(hash)lakers4life (hash)striveforgreatness."

This is the third time in eight years James has changed

LeBron going to the Lakers only adds to West test

Kevin Durant, Paul George and Chris Paul all made quick decisions to stay put and remain in the Western Conference.

And now LeBron James is joining them.

Just like that, the West got even wilder.

Day 1 of NBA free agency was not lacking for fireworks or firepower, led by James' decision to leave Cleveland for a second time and join the Los Angeles Lakers. James agreed to a four-year deal worth \$154 million, meaning his streak of eight consecutive Eastern Conference championships—four with Miami, four with the Cavs—will end next year.

He could still go to the NBA Finals, of course. He's just going to have a much tougher time getting there out

of the West.

Compared to his past free-agent decisions, James moved super swiftly -- it took him eight days to reveal in 2010 that he was going to Miami, 11 days in 2014 to say he was going back to Cleveland. This time, it took about 20 hours.

Durant, George and Paul were way faster than that.

The bonanza started Saturday night when Durant decided to sign a two-year, \$61.5 million deal with the two-time defending champion Golden State Warriors, one where he'll make \$30.5 million this season. The terms were confirmed by a person familiar with the situation who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal cannot become official until the

league's offseason moratorium ends this week.

The deal comes with a player option for 2019-20, so Durant can—and likely will -- become a free agent again next summer.

George and Paul made their announcements known not long afterward. George told a party in Oklahoma City that he's staying with the Thunder, after agreeing to terms on what is a \$137 million, four-year deal that comes with an option for the final season. Paul made his intentions known on Twitter at exactly midnight EDT Sunday, saying he's staying with the Houston Rockets after agreeing to a four-year contract worth \$160 million.

All three of those players will have designs on a title next season.

As if getting through one another won't be tough enough, James is now coming to join the party. By the time he announced, just over \$900 million worth of new deals had been agreed upon, based on figures confirmed to the AP by people involved in the various decisions—almost all of that money getting committed by teams in the West.

And all those clubs—Golden State, Oklahoma City, Houston, the Lakers, even Denver by locking up Nikola Jokic for \$150 million and Will Barton for \$54 million—could definitively say they were thrilled. More big moves in the West are possible, especially with DeMarcus Cousins still available in free agency and a candidate to return to New Orleans.

HANMI Golf Classic early bird deadline June 6

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been completed.

Meanwhile, the CNMI Junior League All-Stars will also gun for win No. 2 today, but will definitely need a big game to topple the heavily-favored Chinese-Taipei.

Chinese-Taipei is unscathed so far in the tournament, having won its first three games. The defending champion has also yet to give up a run in the tournament having recorded victories via routs against Hong Kong (22-0), the Philippines (10-0), and China (16-0).

The CNMI, on the other hand, came from an 11-1 triumph over China after losing its opener to the host, 2-5. The game versus Chinese-Taipei is the Commonwealth’s penultimate in the elimination round, while the latter’s last will be against Hong Kong tomorrow.

Akinfeev pushed away a 109th-minute shot from substitute Rodrigo who ran hard at goal from near the halfway line. He also ensured the game needed 30 extra minutes with back-to-back diving saves in the 85th to deny substitutes Iniesta and Aspas.

Spain dominated the ball during the game—completing more than 1,000 passes—but rarely threatened a well-organized Russian defense.

Croatia eliminates Denmark

Danijel Subasic saved three penalties, and Croatia’s World Cup hopes.

In the second straight shootout of the tournament, the Croats advanced to the quarterfinals on Sunday with a 3-2 victory over Denmark on penalties following a 1-1 draw.

Subasic tipped the first penalty of the shootout from Denmark midfielder Christian Eriksen onto the post. He then dived to his right to save an attempt from substitute Lasse Schone. Finally, he used his feet to block Nicolai Jorgensen’s attempt.

“He was a hero tonight,” Croatia coach Zlatko Dalic said. “He saved three penalties in a shootout. You don’t see that every day.”

Subasic became only the second goalkeeper to save three penalties in a shootout at the World Cup, matching the

The Greg Camacho-managed Junior All-Stars must finish in the Top 4 to make it to the playoffs and only three playoff berths are left in the division, as Chinese-Taipei had already secured the first spot. The Philippines, which edged Hong Kong yesterday, 1-0, is in second place with its 2-1 record. China and Hong Kong hold similar 0-2 records.

In other results, the CNMI Major League All-Stars dropped to 0-2 after falling to host Korea, 0-16, yesterday at the Hwaseong Dream Park in Seoul. The Commonwealth bets have to more games (versus Guam today and against Indonesia tomorrow) left in the elimination and must sweep them to keep their playoffs hopes alive. Only the Top 2 teams in each pool will move into the playoff round.

feat of Portugal keeper Ricardo against England in 2006.

Croatia will next face host Russia in the quarterfinals on Saturday in Sochi. Russia also advanced on penalties, beating Spain 4-3 following another 1-1 draw.

Croatia had a chance to take the lead late in the game at Nizhny Novgorod Stadium, but Luka Modric’s penalty was saved by Kasper Schmeichel. The Denmark goalkeeper, who also saved a pair of penalties in the shootout, dived to his left to smother Modric’s attempt in the 116th minute.

Subasic’s three saves and Schmeichel’s two made it the most combined saves in a World Cup shootout.

Modric, however, made his penalty in the shootout and Ivan Rakitic scored the decider with a shot to the left side of the net as Schmeichel dived the wrong way.

After surviving the shootout, Subasic had to survive the celebration. Domagoj Vida lifted the keeper onto his shoulders as they celebrated the win, and then dropped him.

“He is fine,” Dalic said. Croatia entered the match after impressing in the group stage, including a 3-0 dismantling of two-time champion Argentina at the same stadium. But Denmark, unbeaten in 18 games coming into the game, provided tough opposition.

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a 10-point winning margin.

The third canto ended with Saipan Vegas on top by only 4, 44-40, and it eventually lost the driver’s seat when Chowtime opened the fourth with a 6-0 run off Jomac Manzano’s triple, Jawn Joyner’s point-blanked shot and Jerald Rivera’s split.

Saipan Vegas sued for time to halt Chowtime’s rally and when the game resumed, Fernando canned a triple and after few more possession changes got back-to-back and-1 baskets. He failed to complete the 3-point plays, but it was enough to steady the ship, as he also drew help from Leo Galarse, who added a pair of field goals in that run.

Junar Guiab then finished the spurt with two straight baskets underneath to hand Saipan Vegas its biggest lead, 62-47, with a little over a min-

The Danes took the lead in the first minute when defender Mathias Jorgensen scrambled in a shot that went in off Subasic’s left hand and then the left post. It was Denmark’s fastest ever World Cup goal.

Croatia equalized in the fourth minute with another untidy goal. Henrik Dalsgaard’s clearance hit a teammate and fell for Croatia forward Mario Mandzukic to hook the ball in.

The teams stayed even for the next 116 minutes, including the 30 minutes of extra time.

But it was Schmeichel, the son of former Denmark goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel, that sent it to extra time with his penalty save on Modric’s attempt.

The Croats earned the penalty when Ante Rebic was set free on a counterattack and skipped past Schmeichel, only to be fouled from behind by Mathias Jorgensen -- the scorer of Denmark’s goal.

Modric’s spot kick was weak, though, and Schmeichel dived to his left to smother it for the first of his three penalty saves

Pressure on Brazil mounts

So many favorites have been eliminated already from the World Cup that Brazil, trying to make amends for its disappointing 2014 tournament, now has a strong shot at leaving Russia with a sixth title.

Brazil faces Mexico in the round of 16 Monday at Samara

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The tournament fee increases to \$140 after the early bird deadline and includes green fees and the awards banquet. For an additional \$30, players may also compete for optional play prizes, including accurate drive circle, nearest to the pin,

ute left in the finale. Chowtime scored only one point—off Mark Asuhan’s free throw—in the meltdown and though the team managed to hit two consecutive baskets under the two-minute mark, it was not enough to spark a late comeback.

It did not help that Chowtime missed free throws down the stretch and its much taller frontliners—Joyner, Mark Demontevede, and Steph Tolosa—had limited touches in the fourth period. Demontevede and Tolosa were scoreless in the fourth after making 13 and 6 points, respectively, at the end of the third, while Joyner was held to a field goal and two free throws in the final frame.

Only Manzano had more than one field goal for Chowtime in the fourth period, but he also muffed several shots, while Fernando, Guiab, and Galarse combined for nine field goals. Guiab finished with 12 markers, while Galarse chipped in 9.

Arena, and with Germany, Argentina and Portugal already eliminated, a victory would make the five-time World Cup champions one of the top bets to take the title. Brazil was in similar position four years ago when it hosted the World Cup but was humiliated 7-1 by eventual winner Germany in the semifinals.

Danilo is available to play for Brazil after missing the team’s last two matches with a right hip injury, but Marcelo, who left early in the group stage finale against Serbia with back spasms, is out. So is winger Douglas Costa with a thigh injury.

Mexico, meanwhile, is seeking the elusive “quinto partido”—fifth game, a trip to the quarterfinals—for the first time since 1986. El Tri has made it to the round of 16 for the past six tournaments, only to stall out at that stage.

Mexico pulled off an upset by beating Germany 1-0 in the group opener for its first victory over the four-time champions in a competitive match.

“We’re motivated by the fact that we’re in the knockout stage, facing Brazil and one victory from reaching the fifth game,” Mexico captain Andres Guardado said. “It’s in our hands.”

Brazil has reached at least the quarterfinals in the last six tournaments and advanced to three finals, winning two. The expectations are mounting,

longest drive, shortest drive, and accurate driveline. The tournament will start at 7am.

The awards banquet, featuring a wide selection of dishes from the kitchens of HANMI member hotels, will be next Saturday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. (PR)

Meanwhile, in the first game, Islander eased past I-Secure, 69-49, to take the third place honors in the 16-team league.

Five of the six players who suited up for Islander scored in twin digits to crush I-Secure.

Finals

Saipan Vegas 64 — Fernando 19, Guaib 12, Mungcal 8, galarse 8, Camacho 6, R. Usi 5, Almario.

Chowtime 54 — Demontevede 13, Asuhan 9, Joyner 8, Manzano 7, Tolosa 6, Del Rio 4, Rivera 3, Boncano 2, Pineda 2.

Scoring by quarters: 11-10, 30-23, 44-40, 64-54.

Consolation

Islander 69 — Jandoc 18, Saplan 14, Lansang 12, Santos 11, Buenaventura 10, Lightley 2.

I-Secure 49 — Herrera 22, Rotap 10, Andrews 9, Mercado 4, Osias 2, Balansang 2.

Scoring by quarters: 13-11, 36-22, 53-33, 69-49.

as well as intense pressure, but midfielder Casemiro said Germany’s early ouster was an eye-opener for all the top teams. Still, the squad is trying to stay loose.

“We are relaxed about it. All our players are top class, their clubs are always favorites,” Casemiro said. “We are already accustomed to the pressure. We always have respect, tranquility and humility. We have to play football to beat Mexico.”

Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi are already out of the tournament, and now Brazil striker Neymar must avoid the same early exit.

“He knows how to handle it. That’s why he’s Neymar, the great player in Brazil,” Casemiro said. “He’s been a superstar for a long time. He knows how to handle criticism.”

Brazil and Mexico met four years ago and played to a scoreless draw. Prior to that, Brazil had won the three previous World Cup meetings.

The teams meet at 6 p.m. (10 a.m. EDT, 1400 GMT) in the opener of Monday’s knockout matches.

Meanwhile, the Japanese will face Belgium in the round of 16 at the World Cup on Monday.

“We are faced in this stage with new challenges which are different from those of the group stage,” Japan coach Akira Nishino said Sunday. “We would like to play Japan-like.”

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win. India is at the bottom of the rankings in the seven-team field after going winless in three games, while Indonesia has also yet to win after two matches.

The CNMI will play New Zealand today for its last game in the preliminary and hopes to make it back-to-back to avoid being paired against higher-ranked foes in the playoffs. In the playoff round, the No. 1 finisher will move into the semis, while the No. 2 to 7 placers will fight for the three remaining Final Four berths. Pairings for the battles for the three semis tickers are as follows: 2 vs 7, 3 vs 5, and 4 vs 6. Playoff matches will start tomorrow, while the finals date will be announced once the semis games have

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game at three major tournaments since it won the 2012 European championship, its third straight major title after the Euro 2008 and the 2010 World Cup.

It was too passive a performance by the Spanish, who were ranked 10th and one of the pre-tournament favorites. Turmoil erupted two days before the opening game, when the federation fired the head coach.

“It’s painful, there’s nothing else we can say,” Spain captain Sergio Ramos said. “We left our soul in the pitch.”

It is unclear if interim coach Fernando Hierro will continue in the post he did not seek before Julen Lopetegui was sent home. Lopetegui was fired because he had failed to tell the national soccer federation he accepted an offer to coach Real Madrid after the tournament.

Sunday’s defeat likely spells the end of Andres Iniesta’s national-team career. The 34-year-old Barcelona midfielder came off the bench and almost won the game with an 85th-minute shot well saved by Akinfeev. Iniesta also scored the first spot-kick of the shootout.

Spain was more urgent in extra time after being too passive when it dominated the ball in the 90 minutes of regular time.

CNMI vs Guam in Rugby Exhibition Games

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A CNMI player tries to avoid being tackled by a Guam defender during an exhibition game at the CPA Airport Field late last month.



A CNMI defender rushes to a Guam player.



Two Guam defenders close in on a CNMI player.



A Guam player fumbles after colliding with a CNMI player.



A Guam defender tackles a CNMI player.



A CNMI player runs with the ball, while his teammates stay close to the play.



The CNMI's Ben Jones, Jr., left, keeps a close eye on a Guam player.



A Guam player runs with the ball after eluding a CNMI defender.



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Another shocker: Russia ousts Spain



MOSCOW (AP)—Russia shockingly eliminated Spain from the World Cup, surviving two hours of dominance by the 2010 champions in a 1-1 draw and then winning a

penalty shootout 4-3 on Sunday.

Russia's captain and goalkeeper Igor Akinfeev saved spot-kicks from Jorge "Koke" Resurreccion and Iago Aspas, while all four Russian shooters scored before thousands of screaming home fans.

Akinfeev used his trailing left foot to kick the ball high away from the goal on Spain's last attempt. The 32-year-old goalkeeper leapt up, punched the air with both hands and dove



The Russian team celebrates after defeating Spain in a penalty shootout during the round of 16 match at the 2018 soccer World Cup at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow, Russia, Sunday, July 1, 2018.

into a belly flop cross the rain-soaked turf as teammates raced to him from the halfway line.

The World Cup's lowest-ranked team—70th when the tournament began—now advances to a quarterfinal against Croatia or Denmark in Sochi on Saturday.

A Russian-hosted party many feared would see the home team's hopes end within days now extends into a fourth weekend at the tournament.

"I just feel emptied out," Akinfeev said. "Over the whole second half and extra time we were defending our goal and managed it, we were hoping for penalties because Spain are hard to beat. Spain can't always be lucky."

It gave Russia its greatest win in international soccer for 10 years, since Akinfeev was in goal for an extra-time victory over the Netherlands in a European Championship quarterfinal. That run was ended days later by a Spain team beginning its era of dominance.

Spain has now failed to win a knockout

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CNMI rips Indonesia

Saipan Vegas beats Chowtime in finale

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Saipan Vegas rolled the dice in the fourth quarter and was rewarded with a 64-54 victory over Chowtime in the title match in the 2018 Civic Center Inter-color Basketball League last Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

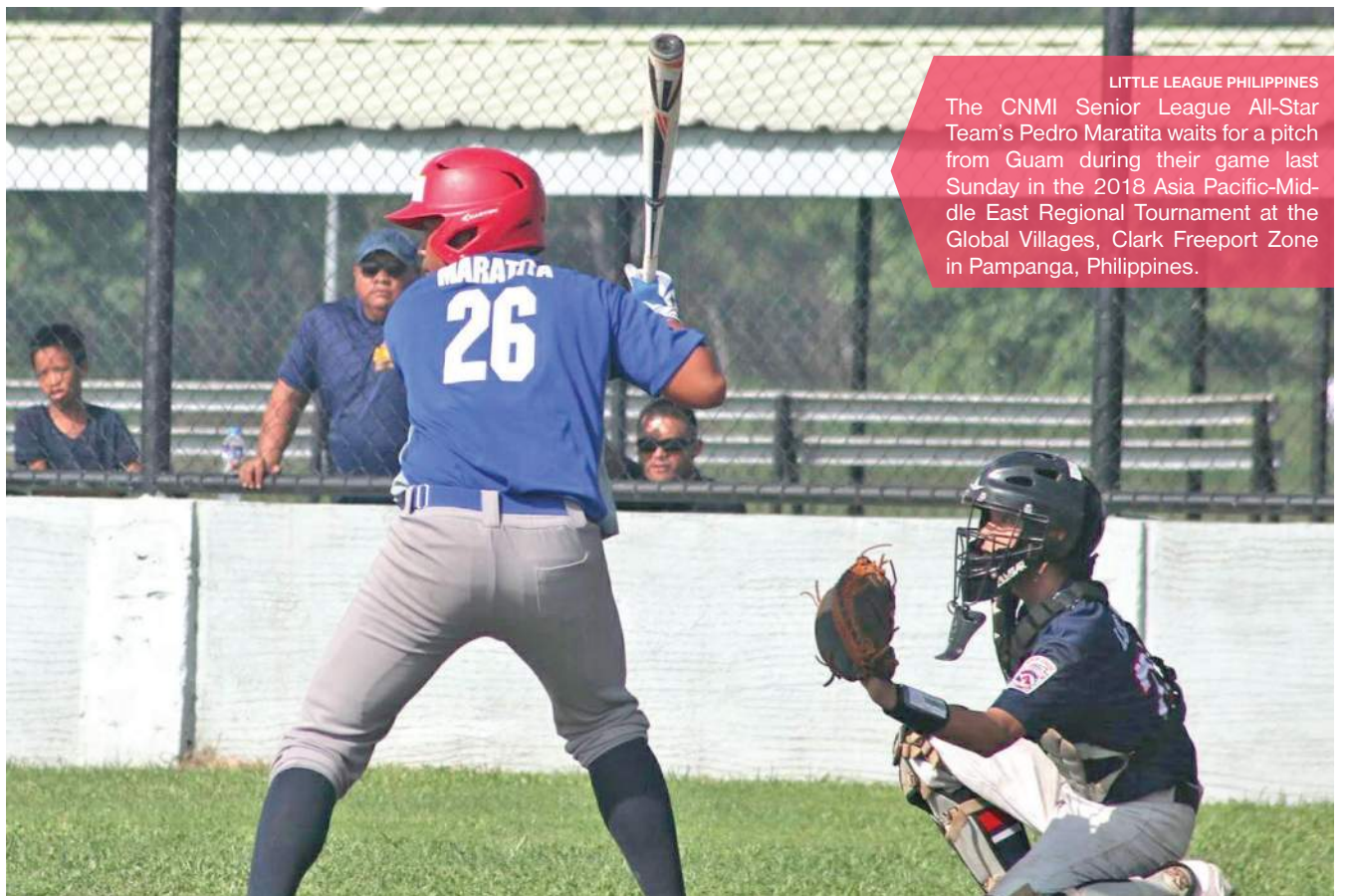
Angelo Fernando led Saipan Vegas' gamble, as the wingman took charge of the team's offense and scored 9 of his 19 points in the final canto. Fernando spearheaded Saipan Vegas' 18-1 scored surge in a span of six minutes and change in the fourth quarter to turn a seesaw game late in the third to

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Saipan Vegas' Randy Mungcal, right, beats Chowtime's Jomac Manzano for the rebound during the fourth quarter of their title game in the Civic Center caging last Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



LITTLE LEAGUE PHILIPPINES

The CNMI Senior League All-Star Team's Pedro Maratita waits for a pitch from Guam during their game last Sunday in the 2018 Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament at the Global Villages, Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga, Philippines.

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The CNMI Senior All-Star Team hammered Indonesia, 15-0, yesterday in the 2018 Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament at the Global Villages, Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga, Philippines.

Kiana Aldan pitched for the CNMI and led the squad to the shut-down victory after only four innings. The win came just a day after the Doru Camacho-managed squad bowed to Guam in its opening game in the World Series qualifier.

With its even 1-1 mark, the CNMI is in a tie for third place

with Hong Kong in the team standings. Guam, which downed New Zealand yesterday, 6-2, is in first place after improving to a 3-0 record, while the latter dropped to a

2-1 mark for a deadlock for second place with the Philippines. The host blanked India yesterday, 7-0, for its second

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